

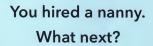


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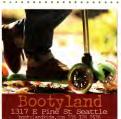
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In a sectioned-off, forested, fairytale spot in Deane's Children's Park,
kids are provided with toolboxes, various building suppiles—wood, hammers, nalis, rope—and the freedom to
create their own playzones.
Adventure Playgrounds are a European invention, encouraging kids to

build and shape the environment according to their own vision. They can construct, climb, explore, play hideand-seek; whatever intrigues them as they are left to their own devices.

There are plenty of trees, fallen trees and shrubs that make for a great environment to build forts and create

environment to build forts and create worlds of their own," says Adventure Playground coordinator Ann Grabler. The idea for Adventure Playground was born as Mercer Island Parks and Recreation staff searched for more ways kids could enjoy unstructured play. It's

the fourth such playground in the country, and the first in Washington state.

Harken back to your favorite memories as a child, exploring the woods or cruising the neighborhood on your bike, given the freedom to enjoy the carefree years of youth. Adventure Playground will give your kids a little of the same.

Adventure Playground is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. throughout the summer. Visit www.mercergov.org to learn more.



Turn Your Street into a Play Street!

on't play in the streets!" Ever admonished your kids or others in your neighborhood with this sage

advice? Well, the Seattle Department of Transportation is offering you a chance to eat your words (at least temporarily) through its Pilot Play Streets Program.

Play Streets is exactly what it sounds like— it's an opportunity for neighborhoods to close off their streets from cars for a short time so that kids and adults can literally play in the streets. Whether it's creating chalk art that spans the expanse of the road, hopscotch, kickball or other activities that require more hard surface than a sidewalk, the Play Streets program is a chance to connect with neighbors and play together safely. Neighborhoods that join Play Streets will receive a free permit to temporarily close their street to traffic-closures that occur when the neighborhood wants them too.

Depending on their location, Seattle streets may be converted into Play Streets as much as the community desires it. For example, during the summer, a neighborhood group might plan to host a Play Street twice a week in summer. The transportation department will use the following criteria to determine whether a street can be closed: 1. The play street should be no more

- than one block long. 2. The street should be a non-arteri-
- al street There must be clear visibility from
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Risky Business

block from the house where I grew up. a steep dirt road descended from our street into an empty field. Each winter, after the first heavy snow, every kid in the neighborhood dragged their Flexible Flyers and Slide-a-boggans to the top of that road.

One year, we built a ramp at the bottom of the hill. It was only a couple feet high, but to us it seemed like an Olympic ski jump. That moment of airborne exhilaration more than made up for the rough landing that inevitably followed. That is, until my brother Ron landed on his face instead of his sled.

I suppose, as his big brother. I should have walked him home. But we were having a really good time. And besides, it always looks like more blood than it really is when it spreads out in the snow like that.

Ron worked hard to sustain his tears until he got home, so our mom would be sufficiently impressed by his wounds. But when she saw him she just told him he deserved it for doing something so stupid.

That story has endured in our family as an example of my parents' preference for correction over comforting. But lately, I've come to see it as more than that. My parents believed that a life lesson doesn't arrive on a silver spoon. More often than not, it punches you in the face-and if your nose gets bloody, so much the better. Lesson learned.

Every child has to learn how to tolerate reasonable risk, how to avoid excessive risk, and how to know the difference. To do that, they need to experience risk first-hand. As the saving goes, good decisions come from experience, and experience comes from bad decisions. But most parents want only to protect their kids from risk, not expose them. How much protection is enough?

In 1985, we answered that question in a courtroom. That's the year the Chicago Park District paid 9.5 million dollars to the family of a toddler who fell from a 12-foot slide. The upshot of that case, and others like it, has been to regulate playgrounds so closely that every one in America has the same basic features with the exact same specifications.

In Europe, they had a different answer. In 1931, a Danish landscape architect noted that children often preferred abandoned lots to playgrounds. He proposed the creation of "junk playgrounds" where children would have the raw materials to ations, but they are largely free of parents, who just drop their kids off and leave. The areas are fenced, but usually include natural settings like forests, creeks and fields. They contain materials and tools for constructing makeshift buildings, and old furniture to fill them with. Some even include fire pits where children unleash their inner pyromaniacs.

I'll bet your head is about to explode right now. Creeks? Construction tools? FIRE PITS?!!!! Is there a Med-Evac team standing by? But the accident rate

at these parks is significantly lower than at conventional playgrounds. One park reported that out of 15,000 kids who visited them in their first four months of operation, only 0.014% sustained injuries of any kind, and most were just minor scrapes and bruises.

Unfortunately, fear of liability has made adventure playgrounds rare in the U.S. At to cross a busy road and ride a bike safely. Let them master their street, their block, their neighborhood and beyond.

Let them build. Teach them to use a hammer. Then a saw. Give them some scrap lumber and some nails. Watch castles rise. Let them cook, Teach them

> to use a knife, and a stove. Let them cook dinner once a month-making anything they

> > Let them take things apart. An old radio. An old vacuum cleaner. Let them dissect it to see how it works, then put it

back together again. Let them go wild. Take them to the woods. To a stream. To an overgrown vacant lot. Let them explore places where they never know exactly

Just let them be. Give them time without structure and without adults. They may be confused at first, or fearful, or just plain bored. Good. Boredom

By Jeff Lee, M.D. what they'll find.

"Just let them be. Give them time without structure and without adults. They may be confused at first, or fearful, or just plain bored. Good. Boredom is the mother of invention."

imagine, construct and create a reality of their own. After the war, his ideas spawned the adventure playground movement.

Today, there are about a thousand adventure playgrounds all over Europe. They are monitored by trained adults to prevent truly dangerous situ-

last count, there were only four: three in California, and one right near Seattle on Mercer Island, But the point is, you don't even have to leave your neighborhood to bring adventure to your kids. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Let them wander. Teach them

is the mother of invention.

Maybe it's time to let kids be kids again. After all, there's an adventure playground waiting for them just outside their door. I think it's called: "the world."

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Baby's Brain and Beyond

New mom distills scientific research into easy-to-read parenting guide

racy Cutchlow spent 15 years tracking down the story for the Seattle Times and MSN Money before she took on editing national bestsellers like Brain Rules for Baby. After she became a mom a few years ago, the publisher of Brain Rules and Brain Rules for Baby approached Cutchlow about her own book for parents—putting to use all of the research she had conducted over the years in a way that worked for parents like her.

In her new book, Zero to Five: 70 Essential Parenting Tips Based on Science (and What I've Learned So Far), she takes dozens of parenting tips based on scientific research and distills them into something you can easily digest during one of your two-minute-long breaks in the day. We chatted with Cutchlow about why she decided to tackle the book, as a new mom, and about some of her tips for fellow parents.

Why did you decide to write Zero to Five?

I wrote Zero to Five for several reasons. I wished Td had a book like this when I first had my baby, and I thought other new parents might appreciate it, too. I was the editor of Brain Rules for Boby, which is a great book for understanding what boosts brain development,

boosts brain development, and I'm so grateful for that experience. But then when I had a baby, I was like, "Wait, what exactly do I do with all this information?"

My publisher had been joking about this book since I got pregnant: "Hey, the editor of Brain Rules for Baby now has to apply the book in her own life—great storyl" Over time, it became clear that he wasn't joking, Believe me, no one with a 6-month-old baby thinks, "You know what? I should write a parenting book." Then I got excited about creating something really useful for new parents. It turned out to be an advantage that I was going through this stuff as I was writing the book, from six months to two years. IfI were looking back now, trying to remember, the personal stories wouldn't have been as real.

Why did you choose to focus on newborns to 5-yearolds for Zero to Five?

Zero to Five focuses on baby's first five years because this is when we, as new parents, wading





into uncertain waters, need the most help. (I know, parents of teenagers disagree!) And such an incredible amount of change is happening in the first five years in baby's brain. Starting in the second half of pregnancv. those neurons are making hundreds of connections per second. We're thinking, "I don't want to mess this up." At first. that panicked feeling is about keeping our tiny, incomprehensible newborn alive. Then you get a handle on that and say. "OK, now what?" Zero to Five is about what you do next.

What is the most surprising thing parents of young children may learn about discipline from Zero to Five?

Well, what surprised me about discipline is the concept of teaching instead of punishing. I thought punishment was how you to taught a

kid not to misbehave.
You know, "Throw
your food again
and you're not
going to your
friend's house."
But this doesn't
teach the things
you actually want
your child to learn
in the lond run – like

why they shouldn't do that thing, how they can manage the emotions behind the misbehavior, and what they might do instead

Teaching instead of punishing doesn't mean you're weak on discipline. You have rules and you have consequences for breaking them. But your consequences are carefully crafted and delivered in a certain way. You have to separate your desire for your child to "just do what I say right now 'from the values you want your child to learn. Set atte parent coach Sarina Natio, of Grow Learning, was incredibly helphil to me in putting together this part of the book.

What is the one thing you would tell all first-time parents?

When you feel yourself getting frustrated, take deep breaths. Everyone's heard this. lt sounds simple. But it requires noticing that you're getting upset and then just stopping in the middle of whatever's happening. That takes practice. You can practice by sitting in silence for a few minutes each day and catching on to the thoughts that flit through your head. Notice the emotions these thoughts bring up. Notice how the emotion feels in your body: palms, heartbeat. shoulders? Then name the emotion: "That's anxiety." "I'm feeling fear." Breathe. Breathing deeply is such a powerful tool because it engages the parasympathetic nervous system. It's our body's built-in way of restoring calm during stress. And when we're calm, we make better decisions. This is one tip you'll be able to use multiple times a day!

Amy Hatch is a Seattle writer who enjoys covering all topics related to kids and especially how research translates into real life. Adapted from Zero to Five: 70 Essential Parenting Tips Based on Science (and What I've Learned So Far) by Tracy Cutchlow

3 Simple Brain Boosters for Little Ones

PUT DOWN YOUR PHON

We are social animals. We thrive on faceto-face interaction, and we don't function well without it. Human interaction is so important that, in baby's first years, it is what turns on the brain for certain types of learning. Some of the most critical things baby can learn are through lots of face-to-face interaction: communication skills, empathy, and control over your emotions and behavior. A large part of communication is nonverbal: interpreting fa-

cial expressions, gestures, and body language. Children need a ton of practice reading other people. Studies show how much time it takes to understand nonverbal communication:

Three-year-olds are better than 2-year-olds at understanding the facial expressions that add meaning to an utterance (such as a look implying "you need to do this" with a directive to clean up the toys).

Four-year-olds are able to identify and communicate emotions in body movement at a rate better than chance; 5-year-olds are even better at it.

Eight-year-olds are as good at reading nonverbal signs as adults.

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sensitive to their environments. If you create an environment of safety, love, and emotional stability, good things happen:

Baby's brain develops a healthy stress-response system, efficiently deploying and then reducing stress hormones as needed.

With stress hormones in balance, baby's neural circuits for learning and reasoning are protected. The cardiovascular and immune systems can function properly.

Life's smaller stresses ("No shirt! I don't want it!") become chances for growth, because supportive relationships buffer the negative effects of stress.

Baby sees your healthy responses to stressful experiences and gets practice responding in

In a home with high levels of conflict, baby's stress-response system is damaged. The system is either forced into a state of constant high alert or dulled into reacting too mildly to stress. Baby is unable to form a trusting attachment with caregivers. Later, the child is more likely to be aggressive and delinquent. You might think babies are too young to understand that their parents are fighting. But babies younger than 6 months old can tell something is wrong. Babies' blood pressure and heart rate rise, and so do their levels of the stress hormone cortisol

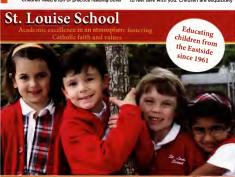
That doesn't mean you can never fight. Not all arguing hurts a child's brain development. If, when you argue, you are supportive of your partner and show small signs of affection, children learn that you can and will manage a conflict in a way that preserves family harmony.

AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD

Little ones younger than 5 still benefit from a nap, and naps aid learning. Researchers gave preschoolers a memory test in the morning and then a 2 p.m. nap. The preschoolers were tested again after the nap and also the next morning. The children who napped scored higher on the memory test than non-nappers. both after the nap and the next day. Researchers swapped which children napped and which didn't. Same result. Naps aid early learning, the researchers suggest, because kids' short-term memory is limited, and the sleep allows for more frequent memory consolidation.

Preschool teachers' secret: time the nap soon after lunch; have the kids lay down and stretch their legs, toes, hands, and arms; play soothing nature sounds; and rub the kids' backs for a bit.

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BY ARIEL HANSEN

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HIKE LIKE A KID

Pack patience, flexibility and leave your adult expectations at home

BY SUSAN ELDERKIN.

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oday it's harder than ever to separate kids from their screens and to connect them with nature. Fortunately, living in Seattle gives parents unique access to wild areas that families can explore. Hundreds of hikes are within a couple hours of the city and offer opportunities for families to connect with each other, get great exercise and learn about the natural world. Preparation is key to a successful hike with the kids. Here are three essential tios:

n DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress the kids in layers, allowing them to cool down and warm up as the conditions change. Even on hot days, a summit can have a cold wind, a waterfall a freezing mist or a meadow a swarrn of mosquitoes. Being able to take off and put on clothing is a key to a happy hiker and safety. And always take a raincoat. Conditions in the mountains can change very quickly,

PACK PLENTY OF FOOD AND WATER

Kids should eat and drink regularly along the trail. Food can be both a motivator and a rejuvenator; water is absolutely essential. If your kid is flagging, consider whether he has drunk enough water. Dehydration can be extremely dangerous, and kids often don't know when they are extremely thirsty. Bring extra water.

AAVE FUN

Hike like a kid and leave your adult expectations at home. Pack patience and flexibility. Stop and feel the ferns and watch the slug slowly inch across the trail. Use teachable moments to explore the natural world. You may not reach the end of the trail or even a mile, but if you adjust your hike to the enjoyment and comfort level of the kids, you will have kids that want to go out again.

HIKING SAFETY WITH KIDS

BY SUSAN ELDERKIN

f vou've ever held vour breath as a 3-year-old runs headlong down a rooty or rocky trail, or as a 10-year-old speeds past an important trail junction, you know that safety on the trail is paramount. But it's also harder when you're hiking. One reason why kids love to hike is that certain amount of freedom and risk that they don't get at home. You want them to explore their boundaries, but not too much. The question becomes then. how do we let them explore outdoors as safely as possible without quashing their fun?

In addition to bringing clothes for all types of weather, as well plenty of snacks and water the following are key safety rules.

TOTE A WELL-STOCKED FIRST-AID KIT

Whether it is an easy half-mile nature loop or an overnight backpack with kids, it's always important to carry a First-Aid kit. For families, purchase a stocked kit from an outdoor store and then supplement it with items specific for kids: Bactine for cleaning wounds without the ouch, a variety of bandages for little fingers or big scrapes, Children's Tylenol, and a bug bite stick,

SET EXPECTATIONS

Setting expectations with the kids

Washington Tralis Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting hiking trails and providing information about hiking. Helping parents navigate what can be a new and unknown territory of hiking with kids is an essential piece of its work. The website (wta.org/kids) offers a variety of resources that help parents figure out where to go hiking and camping and how to make the most of it. A free bi-monthly newsletter connects families to useful resources and trip reports from trails that kids actually hiked.

Where to go

PRETZEL TREE TRAIL

Location: Sauak Mountain State Park (Issaquah) Trail Info: 0.5 mile: no elevation gain Good for: Kids under 5 Pass: Discover Pass

This short, easy, yearround trail meanders under the cool, protective trees of

It is a treat for kids because of interpretive story boards and for families with older kids who may like to wander in the woods before or after a longer hike in the park. Tucked just off the Squak Mountain picnic area, story boards illustrate the adventures of Field Mouse as he meets local forest creatures and discovers their impor-

Squak Mountain State Park.

tance in the ecosystem on his search for the Pretzel Tree. Birds and various kinds of natural habitat abound HEATHER LAKE Location: Mountain Loop

Highway (east of Granite Falls) Trail Info: 4.5 miles: 1050 feet of elevation agin Good for: Age 6 and up Pass: Northwest Forest Pass

Heather Lake is an excellent sampling of Washington's Cascades. Huge trees, little creeks and an alpine lake at the base of Mount Pilchuck define this hike. The route is steep in places and a bit rocky for little feet. but the destination provides two kid-pleasing features: a trail that circumnavigates its shores and water that can be waded in during hot summer days. Go early to avoid crowds on sunny weekends.

To find more information about these and other hikes, visit wta.org/kids.



before embarking on a hike is an essential safety step. Being clear and consistent at the outset gives kids the ground rules and helps establish lifelong good trail etiquette Washington Trails Association

surveyed parents and came up with these five rules for kids:

1. Stay on the trail. 2. No running and no throwing.

- 3. Remain with the group younger kids within eyesight; older kids within parchot 4. Always stop at a fork in the
- road and wait for others. S. Be courteous to other hikers
- by stepping aside and always ask politely to pass. These rules are as important for

a 3-year-old as for a 15-year-old. Often it is the older kid that can get into the most trouble by hiking on ahead and getting separated from the party. Some parents have tried Walkie-Talkies to good success.

HAT TO DO F THEY GET LOST

Let's say that even with all of the preparation and expectations, your child gets lost. The final piece of

essential gear for a kid should be a whistle. Attach it to a backpack or have them wear it as a necklace. Underscore that it is not a toy and should be used only in an emergency. Three guick blows on a whistle means, "I need help" or, "I am lost." If a kid is lost, she should stay in one place and blow her whistle, counting to three between each toot. Then be quiet and listen for someone calling to them. This should be repeated every few minutes until she is found

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?



It's all about the beaches

For Seattle parents Heather and John Ketchpaw, the sand and surf on a warm day brings back fond child-hood memories for both. So as summer takes hold in Washington state, taking Eleanor, almost 3, and Ben, just

a few weeks old, is at the top of the to-do list. "There are so many great beaches nearby," says Heather Ketchpaw. "We keep a blanket and sand toys (and sunblock) in our car.at all times, just in case we step RY WENDA DEED

've always loved Seafair, Seattle's multilayered summer festival, from the time I sold Seafair pins as a 15-year-old. With seven official Seafair-sponsored events and 27 Seafair Foundation-sanctioned community events in July and August, it's a feast for all of the senses. The signature events are the Torchlight Parade July 26 and the Hydroplane Races and Air Show Aug. 1 to 3, but these are huge happenings with lots of crowds and traffic-here are several events better suited for children



Glue together a few milk cartons and make them into a fantastical creation to float on the lake, or join with neighbors to make a bigger vessel (free to register). If you don't have time for that, come down to Green Lake and watch nearly 100 milk carton-based craft race and compete for originality. This year, the fastest milk carton boats will race against standup paddle boarders. July 12, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., all around Green Lake, Seattle. www.seafair.com/AnEvent.aspx?ID=3?SecID=890.

Most Unusual: KLA HA YA DAYS IN SNOHOMISH

In addition to the usual street fair, food and parade, Kla Ha Ya Days includes a baby crawl; a chance for kids to hunt for treasures in sawdust; ice cream and pie eating contests; a frog-jumping contest (they

bring the frogs; you pay \$5 to race your favorite one); a watermelon seed spitting contest; bed races and an evening balloon glow. July 16-20; most events July 19, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Snohomish; balloon glow 10 a.m. in nearby Harvey Field. www.klahayadays.com.

Most Magical: BON ODORI

Lanterns glow against an indigo sky as costumed dancers weave down the street to the hypnotic bear



of talko drums. Most people join in with the dancers - kimonos or other Japanese clothing optional. The festival also features Japanese food, taiko and martial arts performances, craft demonstrations and - new this year - an anime exhibition. July 19 to 20, 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday; 1427 S. Main St., Seattle, www.SeattleBetsuin.com.

Most "See"-Worthy: FLEET WEEK AND MARITIME CELEBRATION

Come to the Seattle waterfront to see a parade of ships from the US. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines and Royal Canadian Navy with military aircraft aloft, and then come aboard for free ship tours. Parade of Ships and Flight Wednesday, July 30, 1:45 p.m.; ship tours Thursday through Saturday, July 31 to Aug. 2. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday. Aug. 3, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Piers 66, 69 and 90. www.seafair.com/AnEvent. aspx?ID=9&SecID=896.

Best Chance to Be the Event: KIDS' PARADES

Although Seafair community na-

to be an official entrant, several welcome children and families to join in on the day of the event at no cost. Nancy Treder and her family

Milk Carton Derby

have been participating in the Wallingford Family Parade since they moved to the neighborhood three years ago, and this year she's in charge of promotion for the event She and her children, now 6 and 9 years old, plan to dress up as farmers or gardeners, in line with this year's theme of "Green Summer Up," pulling a wagon with plants and some of their chickens in a cage. She offers the following tips:

Parents are encouraged to march with smaller children. Strollers bikes, trikes and wagons can be decorated as little floats. Bring sunglasses and sunscreen and a spray bottle to mist your children. Pack water and snacks, as it might be a while between the time you turn up at the staging area and your child's turn to march. It's fun to bring wrapped candy or treats to give to the crowd. Many parade organizers, including Wallingford's, ask that candy be rolled or given to children along the parade route, rather than thrown.

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ago, but they know how to spend the state's best weather months. Nate looks forward to barbeques, camping and being active together. Sacci says craft and garden proj-ects, summer camps, nature walks and other local outing will fill out her family's summer. And, she's sure they will

Sacci Heneghan says craft and garden projects, summer camps, nature walks and other outings close to home will fill out her family's summer.

Welcome to

MUSEUM-HOP IN THAT CITY TO THE SOUTH

Getting there by bus and home by train is half the fun BY MARGARET BERGER CASSADY

or kids like my son, who are used to carpooling in Mom's or Dad's minivan. the Tacoma adventure starts as soon as you hop on a bus to head south. We took Sound Transit's express bus which leaves downtown Seattle throughout the day and takes just an hour to the Tacoma Dome station. (Bus is your best bet in this direction: The Sounder train can get you back to Seattle at the end of the day-weekdays only. Amtrak is pricey for this short trip.)

The bus drops you outside the station's parking garage. On the other side of the garage, the long green Freighthouse Square is a rather scruffy assortment of knickknack shops and eateries. Duck in to Sasquatch Cinnamon Rolls for a handmade, sweet treat.

Or if it's lunchtime, try Pava Thai's homemade clam chowder and generous filets of crunchy-coated fish.

Walk uphill on D Street, Looming ahead are the Tacoma Dome and the swooping curves of LeMay: America's Car Museum.

Entering the vast main floor gallery. we were delighted by a show of shinier-than-new vintage Volkswagens; the special exhibit you'll see now honors the 50th anniversary of the classic Mustang.

Walk to the panoramic window. then turn around to look back. and ask your kids how high you've

climbed uphill. They may not believe it's an optical illusion created by the curve of the unique wooden ceiling - the floor is perfectly flat!

Venture down the ramps through more vast floors of vehicles, everything from a 1906 Cadillac, to a very rare Tucker, to vintage and modern NASCAR models. These gorgeous, intriguing machines impressed even my son and me, and

we're not normally car fans. The extensive collection may eventually over-

whelm all but the most diehard car buffs. Press on, though, to the bottom floor's handson Family Zone, Kids can race a remote-control slot car around a multi-level course, and Cub

Scouts especially will enjoy the pinewood derby track. The race car simulators were our favorite activity. My son hesitated when the docent warned that some folks get carsick, but I wanted to show him that Mom can be brave. The seat tilts and vibrates realistically, and the wraparound screens make it feel like you're actually driving a high-powered racecar.

Ready for a complete change of pace? Head back down D Street to the Tacoma Book Center, an indie







used book store with a great kids' section. Bookworms will get happily lost in its warren of overflowing shelves, extending down hallways and up stairs. For only a few dollars, my son picked several treasures to read on the rest of our day's journey.

Two delicious choices for a sugary snack are a few steps away. Next door is the Celebrity Cake Studio, with a tantalizing rainbow of moist, flavorful cake slices and cupcakes to savor at dainty tables. Or, walk down the block to the tiny Brown & Haley outlet for tasty "seconds." We scored a large box of Almond Roca for \$.991

Next, for a visual treat, head to the Museum of Glass. Take the pedestrian underpass across from the candy store and walk up Pacific Avenue; or save your energy, and hop on the Link light rail streetcar. It's only a couple minutes to your stop called Washington State History Museum

Walk through one of its distinctive brick arches and across the

Bridge of Glass. See the shiny silver cone ahead? That's the roof of the Museum of Glass' enormous "hot shop," where a glassblowing demonstration mesmerized both me and my son. The Education Studio offers free creative projects daily: we made cool 3-D dioramas. On weekends, you and your child can craft your own fused-glass masterpiece.

But for an exhibit sure to entertain even the art-phobic, head back to the "Look! See?" installation. where brightly colored glass and neon displays resemble balloon animals and colorful candy. Kids are actually encouraged to touch, rearrange, and play with the dozens of shining repurposed neon letters. We had a ball hunting for our initials and spelling out words, and parents will appreciate the unique photo op.

Museum-ed out? Hop on the streetcar back to the Tacoma Dome station, where the Sounder train leaves from Freighthouse Square. It's a relaxing ride north: instead of fighting freeway traffic, we sat back and capped off our Tacoma adventure by munching on our bargain candy, perusing our new (old) books. and soaking in the views of woods. farmland and a new view of the approach to Seattle.

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?



Hawaii or Bust

beque on the 4th of July. But Sam, a student at the Academy for Precision Learning, has a favorite summertime tra-

Beach, but just succeeded in getting dirty!

Exhibition shatters myths about the Viking way of life

BY DEANNA DUFF

orse mythology and the Vikings are in the midst of a pop culture conquest. Thor and his hammer battle across movie screens in *The Avenger*, and television's *Vikings* series is a Scandinavian-style *Game of Thrones*. In Victoria, Royal BC Museum's current exhibit, "Vikings: Lives beyond the Legends," reveals that the actual culture was even more exciting than fiction.

"Vikings' will satisfy visitors who are enthralled by their fear-some past and by the traditional folklore of the Viking Age, and shatters many long-held myths about the Viking way of life, says Jack Lohmam, Royal BC Museum CEO, in a written exclanation.

The exhibition includes over 500 artifacts, interactive exhibits and a stunning boat reconstruction, which resembles a sophisticated, modern art installation. The Viking Age dates from roughly 750-1000 A.D. and relies indicate a culture of raiders and traders who traveled as far as modern-day India and Egypt. The word itself described an activity rather than a people - the ancient Norse idea of Yoging on a Viking."

The traveling exhibit arrives at its first North American stop courtests first North American stop courtesty of the Swedish History Museum in partnership with Austria's MuseumsPartner. On view through Nov. II, it is the Northwest's opportunity to see the show before it heads to Chicano.

Chicago.

Take a closer look at these exhibit highlights:

SKULL AND BONES

Kids fock to the skull-andbones case. More than macabre, the specimens offer clues about Viking life. Wom test indicate a rough diet and broken bones hard labor – or violence. A skull with a noticeable hole drilled in the side reveals early attempts a tenurosurgery to treat everything from headsches to seizures. Indele Tip. Visitors learn that the classic horned. Wiking helmet is a modern myth. It was created as a costume for Richard Wagner's open. The Ring Cycle.

SWINGING THE SWORD

Up close inspection of the impressive array of sourch a, see and spears reveals jaw-dropping details and craftsmanship. The hild rail and sword is decorated with a silver and bronze pattern, while a fearsome are head is engraved with plant images. Some are engraved with rule inscriptions of the owner's name, such as, "Bane owns this spear," Insider Tip- Visitors can lift a replicated sword to test tis weight and feel.



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Jewelry often incorporates Thor's hammer and Christian crosses. Don't overlook the impressively intricate, one-inch high silver pendant cruclifx, which is the oldest known cruclifx discovered in Sweden. A 6th century, green Buddha figurine from the Indian sub-continent indicates the Vikings' widespread travel.

SETTING SAIL

Only a few wooden Viking boats survived the centuries. Many more were burned as part of the culture's funeral/cremation rites. One of the exhibit's most imaginative displays is a ghost-like ship reconstruction using only the iron nails and rivets. The pieces are hung against a white backdrop, creating a hauntingly beautiful, 3D silhouette and shadow of a Viking ship. Insider Tip: Take a closer look at the "Away on Business" section. The video consoles create the shape of a ship. Also, visitors can handle Viking-style ropes made from horsehair and strips of elk leather.

HOME AND HEARTH

Vikings did more than pillage and

plunder. They were dedicated to home life. Cleanlines and personal appearance were valued as evidenced by the variety of combs and grooming items. Women had prominent societal roles. They carried keys for practical use and as symbols of rank and authority. Insider Tip to interactive touch screens to dress Vikings in cirching screens to dress Vikings in cirching scale state of the control of the scale state of the scale state of the scale state of the scale state of the which are scale states of which specifically scale states of scale scale scale states of scale scale

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Interactive exhibits.

STORIES, FUN AND GAMES

Surprisingly, the Thor movies incorporate more facts than expect-ed. Learn about Thor. Loki, Odin, the Valkyries-female warriors-and other Norse gods through interactive touch screen exhibits. Allow extra time to listen to pre-recorded Norse legends, such as "Thor Takes a Bite" and "The Apples of idum." Insider Tip: Visitors can learn to play Hnefitafi, a Norse board game vaguely resembling checkers.

"Vikings: Lives beyond the Legends" runs through Nov. II. For more information, visit www. royalbcmuseum.bc.ca.

MORE "VIKINGS" ON NEXT PAGE

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beach on the Washington coast this summer—an annual trek the family started several years ago.
"We love spending time at the different beaches that are in the area, fishing for perch and smelt, and hiking around the beach

peninsula," Avxhi says. In fact, the Avxhi's have two sandy summer traditions: they try to visit family in Albania, where Greta was born, each summer as well.

"My family and I rent a home by the beach for swimming in the Adriatic and Ion Seas," she says. "My father took us to the ocean every summer of my childhood and I want to keen the tradition allow-here and there-after leftrer."







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Contact 206-547-1583 or

MUSEUM BONUS: BEHIND-THE-**SCENES TOURS**



on't miss Royal BC Museum's Behind-the-Scenes Tours, A favorite with kids and adults. three tour options invite vis-

itors to go behind the velvet rope and alimpse the museum's larger collections and gain expert insight.

Participants in the "Fossils: Paleontology Collection" tour start their journey at the freight elevator, where new acquisitions enter the building - 700 pounds of fossils in 2013. The museum, founded in 1886, has over 60,000 British Columbia fossil specimens spanning 500 million years. Tour members visit the "Bone Room" and learn about Bison George, an extinct species from 11,750 years ago. On a lucky day, a tour of the offices may yield an impromptu Q&A session with the collections manager and the opportunity to hold a fossil

Tours are 30 minutes, limited to 10 people and open to all ages. Free with admission, sign-ups are available at the information desk beginning an hour in advance. Tours are generally offered Wednesdays and Saturdays. Check the online calendar for specific days and times. Options are: "Butterflies and More: Entomology Collection:" "Fossils: Paleontology Collection:" or "Museum Alchemy: Exhibits Arts and Multimedia Studios."

VIKING EVENTS

Check the museum's website for a calendar of special events including:

Viking Summer Camps through August Saturday Night Alive events through summer when visitors can learn and practice Viking crafts such as nålbinding, knotting yarn into mittens, socks and hats

"Vikings Are Here" weekend, Aug. 9-10. when the Society for Creative Anachronism will recreate a Viking market site

If you go

What: "Vikings: Lives Beyond the Legends." The exhibit makes its first North American stop in Victoria, B.C. In partnership with the Swedish History Museum, it showcases over 500 artifacts and interactive exhibits about the Viking way of life

Where: Royal BC Museum 675 Belleville Street, Victoria, British Columbia

When: Daily through November II. 2014.

Cost: \$23.95, adults, \$17.95, youth 6-18, \$17.95 student 19+ with ID, free. child 3-5, \$17.95, seniors, \$69.95, family (two adults and three youths under 19)

Contact: 1-888-447-7977. http://rouglbcmuseum.bc.ca.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN IN JULY & AUGUST

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Tuesday, July 1

Adventure Playground, This unique play area lets kids build their own play structures using toolboxes and various building supplies, under the guidance of staff. Ages 12 and older may play without a parent present if they have a signed permission slip. 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays through Aug. 28 (closed July 6 and 13). Entrance by donation. Closed-toe shoes required. Deane's Children's Park, Mercer Island, www.mercergov.org.

Summer Movies in the Park. Despicable Me 2 (PG) today, Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) July 8, Epic (PG) July 15, Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) July 22, The LEGO Movie (PG) July 29, Gravity (PG-13, edited) Aug. 5, The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) Aug. 12, 42 (PG-13, edited) Aug. 19. Bring picnics, blankets and lowback chairs. Dusk. FREE, Each night themed to benefit a different charity. see donation needs online. Bellevue



Downtown Park, Bellevue. www.inome.com/summermovies.

SOUTH SOUND

Children's Entertainment Series. Alex Zerbe today, Michael "Shoehorn" Conley July 8, Jeff Evans July 15. Mikey Mike Gervais July 22. Nancy Stewart July 29, Son of Reptile Man Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m. FREE, Huntamer Park, Lacey, www.ci.lacey.wa.us.

Wednesday, July 2

SEATTLE AREA Red, White and Zoo. Watch as some animals receive patriotic-themed treats like watermelon, popsicles, corn on the cob and more. See online for complete schedule, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through Thurs. Included with admission, SS, free gaes 2 and uounger, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle (Phinney Ridge). www.zoo.org.

Bat Walk, Learn about bats, then help search for them using a bat detector. 8:15 p.m. today, 8 p.m. July 14, 7:45 p.m. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Aug. 25. FREE, Green Lake Park near Bathhouse Theater, Seattle (Green Lake), www.batsnorthwest.org

Friday, July 4 Independence Day SEATTLE AREA

Wooden Boat Festival, Beautiful wooden vessels, free boat rides. pond boat sailing, craft and skill demonstrations, food, kids' activities and more, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sun, FREE, Lake Union Park and The Center for Wooden Boats, Seattle (South Lake Union), www.cwb.ora.

30th Annual Naturalization Ceremony. Be part of the excitement as more than 400 new citizens are

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sworn in. Concert at 11 a.m., ceremony at noon. FREE. Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, Downtown Seattle. www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org/

EASTSIDE Four on the Fourth 4K Run/Walk.

naturalization.html

Leashed dogs and their owners are welcome to run or walk this 4K event, 7:30 a.m. check-in, 9 a.m. run/ walk, followed by doggie costume contest, inflatables for the kids, Max-Mobile and a fire truck. Patriotic dress for all is encouraged. \$\$\$, free ages 12 and younger, benefits Seattle Humane Society in Bellevue.Park at the Bellevue Library. Ashwood Park, Bellevue. www.bellevue4thrun.com.

Ride the Rails Back in Time to 1889. Celebrate the 125th anniversary of the inaugural passenger excursion train from Seattle to Snoqualmie Falls. Ride a commemorative train to the falls along with passengers from the 1880s (no stop in North Bend). Trains at 12:30 and 1:15 p.m. \$ to \$\$, free ages I and younger. Snoqualmie Depot, Snoqualmie. www.train museum.ora.

Fourth of Julu Celebrations

Light a sparkler, wave a flag and pass the apple pieit's time to celebrate the Fourth of July! Visit www. seattleschild.com to

see our grand list of celebrations. Whether you love the excitement of watching a worldclass fireworks display or prefer the slow pace of a small-town parade, we've got plenty of patriotic events all around the Puget Sound for your family to enjoy.

Saturday, July 5

Model Rocketry Day. Lectures, exhibits and live launches. Special parent/child build and launch sessions available (\$, pre-register), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included with admission, SS. Museum of Flight, Seattle (Boeing Field), www.museumofflight.org.

Wallingford Kiddie Parade and Family Festival. Children's parade

11 a.m. (all children invited to march in the parade), followed by a festival with crafts, music and activities at Meridian Playground. Noon to 5 p.m. FREE. North 45th Street at Interlake

Avenue North to Meridian Avenue North, Seattle (Wallingford). http:// visitwallingford.org..

Color Festival. Live music, dance performances, yoga, vegetarian cuisine, and throwing of safe, colored powder. Noon to 5 p.m. \$\$, free ages 12 and younger. Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater, Downtown Seattle. www.colorfestival.com/locations/Seattle.

Nighttime Nature Walk: Owlets

Prowl. Enjoy a presentation from Magnuson Nature Educators and an evening walk to see which animals are active at night in the park. Bring a flashlight, All ages welcome, 8:30 to 10 p.m. S. Pre-registration recommended. Magnuson Park Central Wetlands, Seattle (Sand Point), http:// magnusonnatureprograms.com.

NORTH SOUND Jetty Island Days, Visit the sandbar just outside Everett for wading, sand play, nature programs, puppet shows and more (see schedule online). Ferry runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays, through Sept. 1. FREE,

donations accepted. \$3 parking fee. Reservations strongly encouraged. Non-residents of Everett can make reservations for groups of 8 or more. 10th Street boat launch off W. Marine View Drive, Everett. www.cieverett.waus.

Sunday, July 6 SEATTLE AREA

Return to Renton Cruise-In. Classic cars, trucks and motorcycles, plus music and entertainment, kids' activities. vendors and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE, Piazza Park, Renton. www.gorenton.com.

Westlake Family Fun Day. Music by Johnny Bre-

gar, bouncy houses and kids' activities. Il a.m. to 1 p.m. FREE. Westlake Park. Downtown Seattle. https:// www.facebook.com/ events/1440564866186831.

SOUTH SOUND

Tacoma Freedom Fair Wings & Wheels. Aviation event (fly-in and static), car and motorcycle show. entertainment, kids' activities, race cars and the Smoke 'N' Thunder Jet Dragster making a 300 mph run down the runway. Il a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ to \$\$, free ages 5 and younger.

Tacoma Narrows Airport, Gig Har-

bor. www.freedomfair.com/wings-

Monday, July 7

wheels.html.

Kids Club Entertainment Series.

Erika's Top Picks for July & August



Learn about rockin' rockets through exhibits and live launches, then build and launch your own in special parent/child sessions. Preregister, www.museum offlight.org

July 9, 16, and 23 **Bat Ouest** Learn about bats at

the Seward Park Audubon Center and search for them at sunset with expert help. For ages 8 and older. Preregister, www.brownpaper tickets.com/event/640861.

July 10

The Neverending Story 30th Anniversary Screening

Enjoy surprises, trivia, and more at the viewing of this 30-year old (!) classic. Rated PG and part of EMP's Myth and Magic Faire. Bring blankets or sleeping bags (no chairs); costumes are encouraged. www.emp museum.org.

July 12-13 Dragon Fest Hing Hay Park hosts

these free days of lion and dragon dances, martial arts demonstrations and taiko drumming performances Kids' activities abound. www.seattledragonfest.com.



July 13 World Cup Final Match Viewing Party

I believe that we will win! Watch the World Cup game on a 14' x 8' high-definition projection screen, enjoy food vendors and face painting at the Phinney Center. Doors open at noon, www.phinneu center.org.



Sideways Stories from Wayside School and Stargirl

Attend back-to-back one-act one-hour plays performed by Seattle Children's Theatre drama school students. Recommended for ages 5 and older for Sideways Stories, ages 9 and older for Stargirl. www.sct.org.

July 19 Mud & Chocolate Bite-Size Run

With chocolate at the finish, this three-mile trail run and half-mile Kids' Dash at Robinswood Park should appeal to all the kids. Preregister. http://mudandchocolate.com.

July 24-26 Timber! Outdoor Music Festival

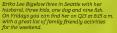
Featuring loads of live music. camping, mountain biking. hiking, kayaking and a root beer garden at Tolt-MacDonald Park, it's free for kids 11 and younger. Preregister. No dogs are allowed, www. timbermusicfest.com.

Aug. 16 PEPSapalooza It's a fabulous family

music extravaganza with Caspar Babypants, The Not-Its!, Recess Monkey, Rolie Polie Guacamole, and Wo' Pop Dance Party, with KEXP's DJ Darek Mazzone. Enjoy bouncy houses, tons of kids' crafts, and more. www.peps.org.

Aug. 22-25 Vashon Sheepdog Classic

Misty Isle Farms of Vashon hosts all-day sheepdog herding competitions. Find kids' activities, yummy food and fiber demonstrations, too. www.brownpapertickets. com/event/639105.



Recess Monkey today, Eric Ode July 14, Last Leaf Theatre July 21, The Gothard Sisters July 28, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Aug. 4, The Not-Its! Aug. 11, Reptile Man Aug. 18, Touch-A-Truck Aug. 25. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Allan Yorke Park, Bonney Lake, www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us.

Tuesday, July 8

SEATTLE AREA Shoreline Noon Concert Series. Enjoy outdoor family-friendly performances at two different Shoreline parks every Tuesday at noon through Aug. 12.

FREE. July 8, 22 and Aug. 5 at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Shoreline. July 15, 29 and Aug. 12 at Hamlin Park, Shoreline, www. shorelinewa.gov.

Children's Concert Series.

Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth today, Recess Monkey July 15. The Not-Its! July 22. Brian Vogan and his Good Buddies July 29. The Brian Waite Band Aug. 5, Johnny Bregar Aug. 12, Caspar Babypants Aug. 19. 10 to 11 a.m. FREE. Juanita Beach Park, Kirkland, www.kirklandsummerconcerts.org.

Kiwanis KidsFirst! Series. Weekly hourlong performances for kids at a variety of locations in Sammamish, FREE, Today; Eli Rosenblatt, noon at Beaver Lake Park, July 15: magician Jeff Evans, 1 p.m. at Sammamish Commons Plaza. July 22: Eric Herman and the Thunder Puppies, noon at East Sammamish Park. July 29: Eric Ode, 1 p.m. at Sammamish Commons Plaza. Aug. 12: Alex Zerbe, 1 p.m. at Sammamish Commons Plaza. Aug. 19: magician Matt Wells, noon at Ebright Creek Park. www.sammamish.us/events/KiwanisKidsFirst.aspx.

SOUTH SOUND

Kids Club Entertainment Series. Son of Reptile Man today, Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth July 15, Nate Jester July 22, Cap'n Arrr July 29, Last Leaf Theatre Aug. 5, Science on Wheels Aug. 12, The Harmonica Pocket Aug. 19, Touch-A-Truck Aug. 26. Il a.m. FREE, Allan Yorke Park, Bonney Lake. www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us.

Wednesday, July 9 SEATTLE AREA

com/event/640861.

EASTSINE

Bat Quest. Ages 8 and older can learn about and search for bats feeding at sunset with help from an expert. 8 p.m. today, July 16 and 23, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6 and 20. \$. Pre-register. Seward Park Audubon Center, Seattle (Seward Park). www.brownpapertickets.

Movies @ Marymoor. Frozen (PG) today, Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13) July 16, The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) July 23. Footloose (PG-13) July 30, The Sandlot (PG) Aug. 6, Monty Python & the Holy Grail (PG) Aug. 13, Finding Nemo (G) Aug. 20, The Princess Bride (PG) Aug. 27. Bring a low-back chair or blanket. Leashed dogs welcome. Food trucks on site, 7 p.m. entertainment. movie at dusk. S. Marumoor Park, Redmond. www.epiceap.com/movies-at-marumoor.

SOUTH SOUND

Kids SummerStage. Weekly performances just for kids. Recess Monkey July 9, Eric Herman and the Thunder Puppies July 16. The Magic of Jeff Evans July 23, The Not-Its! July 30, Reptile Isle Aug. 6, Eric Ode Aug. 13. Noon. FREE. Les Gove Park, Auburn. www. auburnwa.gov.



Wednesdays For Kids! Tickle Tune Typhoon today, The Magic of Trevor and Larena Walters July 16, Recess Monkey July 23, Show Brazil! July 30, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Aug. 6. Robert the Magnificent Aug. 13. Noon to 1 p.m. FREE, Town Square Plaza, Kent, http:// kentwa.gov/arts/summer.

Thursday, July 10

SEATTLE AREA

Honk! Jr. Charming musical performed by The Hi-Liners based on the Hans Christian Andersen story The Ugly Duckling. 7 p.m. todau, 3 p.m. Julu 12-13. \$\$. The Burien Annex. Burien. www.hi-liners.org.

Outdoor Movies at Magnuson Park. Grease (PG-13) today, The LEGO Movie (PG) July 17. Gravity (PG-13) July 24, Sixteen Candles (PG) July 31, Jurassic Park (PG-13) Aug. 7, Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Aug. 14, The Little Mermaid (G) Aug. 21, Ghostbusters (PG) Aug. 28. Bring blankets and low-back chairs. Leashed dogs welcome. Food trucks on site, 7 p.m. entertainment, movie at dusk, S. Maanuson Park, Seattle (Sand Point), www.epiceap.com/seattle-outdoor-movies.

The Neverending Story 30th Anniversary Screening. See the popular PG-rated fantasy film on the giant Sky Church screen, plus enjoy trivia and other surprises. Part of the Myth and Magic Faire. Costumes encouraged. Bring blankets or sleeping bags (no chairs). 7:30 p.m. S to SS. EMP Museum, Downtown Seattle, www.empmuseum.org.

NORTH SOUND

Children's Concerts. Tim Noah today, The Not-Its! July 17, Brian Vogan and His Good Buddies July 24, The Brian Waite Band July 31, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo Aug. 7, Recess Monkey Aug. 14, Eric Ode Aug. 21, 10 to 11 a.m.





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FREE, Thornton A. Sullivan Park, Everett, www.ci.everett.wa.us.

Arlington Fly-In. Air show features flying machines of all types and sizes on display and in the air. Today is Kids' Day with activities and an air show (2 p.m.), IO a.m. to 3 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sat. \$\$, free gaes 15 and younger, Arlington Airport, Arlington, www.arlingtonflyin.org.

Family Movies in the Park, Frozen (PG) 9:30 p.m. tonight, Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) 9:30 p.m. July 17, Captain America (PG-13) 9:20 p.m. July 24, The LEGO Movie (PG) 9:15 p.m. July 31, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG) 9 p.m. Aug. 7, Despicable Me 2 (PG) 8:50 p.m. Aug. 14. Bring blankets and lowback chairs, snacks available for purchase. Seating begins 7:30 p.m. with pre-movie entertainment, FREE, donations accented. Willis Tucker Park, Snohomish, www.sundquisemoviesinthepark.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Kent Cornucopia Days. Street fair, carnival. entertainment, art show, safety fair, 5K fun run (Sat.), dragon boat rac-

es (Sat.), parade (2 p.m. Sun.), sports events and more. 3 to 10 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sun. FREE, Meeker Street, Kent. www.kcdaus.com.

Friday, July 11 SEATTLE AREA

West Seattle Summer Fest. Music, craft and local vendors. food, kids' area (fee and free events), and more. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. FREE. California Avenue Southwest and Southwest Alaska Street. West Seattle. Limited parking, http:// wsjunction.org/summerfest.

Pixar in Concert. Enjoy a compilation of images and songs from Pixar movies played live by the Seattle Symphony. 7:30 p.m. today and Sat., 2 p.m. Sat. \$\$ to \$\$\$. Benaroya Hall, Downtown Seattle. www.seattlesumphony.org.

Day Out With Thomas. Popular locomotive Thomas the Tank Engine visits Northwest Railway Museum, 25-minute train ride, family activities and more. Departures 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. through Sun. and July 18-20. \$\$\$ ages 2 and older, free younger than age 2 with adult, reservations required for train rides. Snoqualmie Depot, Snoqualmie, www. trainmuseum.org.

Redmond Derby Days. Carnival 5 to 10 p.m. today, plus outdoor movie (Iron Man 3, PG-13). Sat. includes 5K Derby Dash (9 a.m.), parades (IO a.m.) at Old Redmond Post Office (kids on wheels must wear helmets), carnival (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.), bicycle Criterium races, entertainment, Kids Zone, food and fireworks (10 p.m.). See online for full schedule. FREE, fee for some activities. Redmond City Hall Campus, Redmond. www.redmondderbudaus.com.

NORTH SOUND

Arlington Street Fair. Vendors, arts and crafts, entertainment, and more. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sun. FREE, Olumpic Avenue, Arlinaton, www.arlinatonwa.org.

Cinema Under the Stars, Frazen (PG) today, Despicable Me 2 (PG) July 18, Iron Man 3 (PG-13) July 25, The LEGO Movie (PG) Aug. 1, Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) Aug. 8, The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) Aug. 15. Family entertainment (7:30 p.m.) and movie (dusk), Bring blankets and chairs, FREE. Cash-only concessions available. Camp Patterson at Thornton A. Sullivan Park, Everett. www.everettwa.ora

SDUTH SOUND

Follow That Rabbit! PenMet Family Theater outdoor play for all ages, 6 p.m. ticket sales, 7 p.m. show. Fridays through Sundays. through July 27, S. Sehmel Homestead Park Amphitheater, Gia Harbor, www.penmet parks.org.

Movies in the Park. Free Birds (PG), Bring blankets or chairs. Concessions available.



Pre-show activities start at 7 p.m., movie starts at dusk, FREE, Meridian Habitat Park. Puyallup. www.piercecountywa.org.

CinemaGig Outdoor Movies, Gig Harbor's outdoor summer theater for families, Bring low chairs and a blanket. Cancelled in cases of rain or high wind. The Help (PG-13) 9:15 p.m. today. Remember the Titans (PG) 9 p.m. July 25, Big Miracle (PG) 8:30 p.m. Aug. 8, Jaws (PG) 8:15 p.m. Aug. 22. FREE, Donkey Creek Park, Gig Harbor. www.gigharborguide.com.

Outdoor Cinema. Man of Steel (PG-13) today, The Sandlot (PG) July 25, Despicable Me 2 (PG) Aug. 8, Planes (PG) Aug. 22. Bring a blanket and chairs. Concessions sold. Movie at dusk. FREE. Bradley Lake Park, Puvallup. www.cityofpuyallup.org.

Saturday, July 12 SEATTLE AREA

Awesome Kids Day, Recess Monkey concert. games, prizes, bouncy houses, face painting, wellness information and more. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. FREE, Town Square Park, Burien, www. facebook.com/AwesomeKidsDay/info.

Know Before You Go: Burke Museum Sum-

mer Festival. Get the most out of your outdoor summer adventures with tips and activities about local plants, animals, navigation, liking and camping, plus food, performances and more. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Included with admission. St os St, free ages 4 and younger. Burke Museum. Seattle (University of Washington). www.burkemuseum.org.ington.) www.burkemuseum.org.

Queen Anne Festival. Parade (10:30 a.m.), games, crafts, inflatables, food, music and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE. Big Howe Park, Seattle (Queen Anne). www.queenannedays.com.

Seafair Milk Carton Derby, Features nearly 100 seaworthy crafts made primarily of milk cartons. Also family activities and food booths. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE. Southwest shore of Green Lake near Aqua Theater, Seattle (Green Lake). www.seafair.com.

Myth and Magic Faire. Medieval-themed crafts, face-painting and family activities, plus archery and sword fighting, gaming, food, and screenings of Adventure Time. The Last Unicorn (1982) and The Hobbit (1977). 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$ to \$\$\$, includes admission to all museum galleries. EMP Museum, Downtown Seattle, www.empuseum.or.

Wedgwood Art Festival. Art, music, food and children's activities, including art stations to visit, face painting, a fire truck, and a Thistle Theater puppet show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun. FREE. Our Lady of the Lake, Seattle (Wedgwood), www. wedgwood/setival.com.

40th Annual Ballard SeafoodFest. Celebration of Ballard's heritage features arts and crafts, food, entertainment and a Kids Zone. Il a.m. to 10 p.m. today, Il a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun. FREE. Various Ballard locations, Seattle. www.seafoodfest.org.

Seattle Outdoor Theater Featival. See a variety of plays in an all-ages, outdoor format. Bring blankets or chairs. Noon, 2, 5 and 7 p.m. today, and 11 am. and 2, 4, 5 and 7 p.m. Sun. See schedule online. FREE, donations accepted. Volunteer Park, Seattle (Capitol Hill). www.greenstage.org.

Dragon Fest. Lion and dragon dances, martial arts and taiko drumming demonstrations, arts and crafts, food, kids' activity corner, and more. Noon to 8 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE. Hing Hay Park, Seattle (Chinatown-International District). www.seattledragonfest.com

Bastille Bash. French-inspired food, wine, music, entertainment and kids activities. 3 to 8 p.m. FREE, fee for some activities. E. Madison Fark). http://bastillebash.com.

The Park in the Dark. Learn about how nocturnal animals adapt to

Jetty Island Opens July 5

BY TARYN ZIER

hat is two miles long, a three-minute ferry ride away, free and loads of fun? Jetty Island!

À quick jaunt from Everett, Jetty Island offers an expanse of tidelands and saltwater marshes to explore, and free programs throughout the week to help kids understand more about the natural wonders of the area.

My kids enjoy the vastness of the beach, with plenty of space to run around and build mega sand castles. They love poking around in the clam and strimp holes on the flat, trying to catch up to the little critters that flee their probing fingers.

The water remains shallow quite a ways out, which is good for little ones who want to wade out into the cool Puget Sound. The beach sports three sand volleyball courts - the perfect spot for Frisbee-throwing if they aren't being used. If you seek more privacy, haul your gear and stake your clalm farther down the beach.

Pack light but smart (unless you have older kids to help carry the load); the central beach area is only accessible by a sandy path, which is not amenable to strollers or rolling cool-



ers. Bring some toys to have fun in the sand. Also, the ocean breeze makes it a keen kite-flying spot.

Here's how the farry service works: When you arrive at the Marine Park boat launch, there is a Jetty Island klosk where you pick up a placard, noting the next available farry. About 60 people fit on the farry, which runs every 15 to 30 minutes. When you get across to the island, pick up a placard for the

time you want to return.
On a sunny weekend day,
be prepared to stay at least a
few hours on the beach. If you
can, get there early or plan

for a weekday to avoid heavy crowds. Everett residents can reserve ferry spots ahead of time, as can people with eight or more in their group.

or more in their group. Free programming on Jetty Island includes a daily interpretive walk with a naturalist, nightlime campfires, puppet shows, nature crafts and harbor cruises (with reservations). Be sure to visit the snack shack on the mainland, where kids can cool off with ice cream after their hot island visit.

Jetty Island is open July 5 through Sept. 1. For more information, call 425-257-8304 or visit www.ci.everett.wa.us.

their environment and go for a to go for a to go for a to go for through the park. 8 to 9:30 p.m today, July 26, Aug. 9 and 23. S. Pre-register. Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle (Montlake). http://depts.washington.edu/ruwbg/education/Youth/family.shtml.

SK Foam Feet. A wild, messy 5K race through mud. foam and obstacles, plus family-friendly activities afterward. Course open to ages 10 to 5 with an adult, ages 16 and older can race alone. Register online. SSS 8 am. to 2 pm. Lake Sammamish State Park, Issaquah. www.5kfoamfest.com.

tion! Food, arts and crafts fair, entertainment, kids' fun zone, boat rides (today, SS, pre-register), parade (t) a.m. today), fireworks (t) p.m. today), car show (Sun.), and more. See online for full schedule. Il am to 7 pm today, 10 am to 5 pm Sun. FREE. Mercerdale Park and tuber Butbank Park, Mercer Islandwww.misummercelebration.com.

Mercer Island Summer Celebra-

Featival Folding with PAPER. Come fold origami with Puget Area Paperfolding Enthusiasts Roundtable (PAPER). Learn new techniques and models, and create a piece to add to the display. It o 3 pm. today and Aug. 2. S2 plus admission (S to SS, free ages 5 and younger). Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue. www.bellevuearts.org.

Children of Eden. Village Theatre Issaquin's RDISTAGE Summer Independent play is produced, directed and performed by youth underage 25. Losely based on the Book of Genesis, this play Iscouss on the age-old struggle between parvants and their kids. 750 pm. today, varisus dates and times through, July 20. \$3. First Stage Theatre, Issaquah. www.villagetheatre.org.

Outdoor Movie Night. Thor: The Dark World (PG-19) 9:30 pm. tonight. Despicable Me 2 (PG) 9:15 pm. July 26, The LEGO Movie (PG) 8:45 pm. Aug. 9, Ender's Game (PG-19) 8:30 pm. Aug. 23. Bring a blanket and beambag or low-back chair. Movie starts at dusk, seating one hour prior. S suggested donation to Hopelink. The Plaza at Carillon Point, Kirkland, http://carillon-point.com/about/events.

NORTH SOUND
Run of the Mill SK. Race raises
funds for cancer patients and features a festival atmosphere afterward. 7:30 a.m. registration, 9:30
a.m. race. SSS. Mill Creek Town Center, Mill Creek. http://mcrunofthe-

ter, Mill Creek. http://mcrunofthemill.com.

Skagit Valley Highland Games.
Bagpipe and drum music, fiddling,

traditional Scottish athletics and Highland dancing, food, sheepdog trials, children's activities and more. 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. SS, free ages 4 and younger. Edgewater Park Mount Vernon. www.celticarts.org.

Popcorn in the Parks. Frozen (PG) today, Despicable Me 2 (PG) July 19, The Hobbit (PG-13) July 26, Man of Steel (PG-13) Aug. 2, The Goonies (PG) Aug. 9, Ender's Game (PG-13) Aug. 16, Bring lawn chairs, blankets and pic-

nic (popcorn provided). Dusk. FREE. Jennings Memorial Park, Marysville. www.marysvillewa.gov.

SOUTH SOUND

Color in Motion 5K. Dress in white and get showered in safe, washable colored powder during your run or walk. 9 a.m. SSS. Pre-register. Cheney Stadium, Tacoma. http://colorinmotionSK/Tacoma-

Run to the Top. Now for all ages. this run features a scenic-vet-hilly SK course and one-mile Kids Dash. No dogs or strollers, 9:30 a.m. Kids Dash, 10 a.m. 5K. \$\$ to \$\$\$. McKinley Park, Tacoma. www.metroparkstacoma.ora

Lakewood SummerFest. Live music, marketplace, food, KidZone (\$), car and military vehicle show, free swimming lessons, outdoor movie and more. Il a.m. to Il p.m. FREE. Fort Steilacoom Park, Lakewood www.lakewoodsummerfest.com.

Music & Movies. Concert (7 p.m.) and movie (dusk), Cars (G) today. Mary Poppins (G) and Savina Mr. Banks (PG-13) July 19, Elf (PG) July 26, The LEGO Movie (PG) Aug. 2, Despicable Me I and 2 (PG) Aug. 9. Bring blankets or chairs. Snacks available for purchase. FREE. Huntamer Park, Lacey, www.ci.lacey.wa.us,

Campout in the Parks. Enjoy the rare chance to camp at popular beaches in Tacoma, Bring your own tent and supplies, and enjoy evening snacks with songs, stories and crafts, and a sunrise breakfast, 7 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. SSS. Pre-reaister. Owen Beach today and Aug. 30. Browns Point Lighthouse Park Aug. 23. www.metroparkstacoma.org.

CinemaGig Outdoor Movies, Gig Harbor's outdoor summer theater for families, Bring low chairs and a blanket. Cancelled in cases of rain or high wind. The Black Stallion (PG) 9:15 p.m. today, Little Giants (PG) 9 p.m. July 26, Wall-E (G) 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9, The Jungle Book (G) 8:15 p.m. Aug. 23. FREE. Skansie Brothers Park, Gia Harbor, www.gigharborguide.com.

Sunday, July 13

SEATTLE AREA World Cup Final Match Viewing Party. Come watch the final World Cup game on a 14' x 8' high-definition projection screen, complete with food vendors and face painting. Doors open at noon, match at 1 p.m. \$ suggested donation. Phinney Center, Seattle (Phinney Ridge). www. phinneycenter.org

ARTventures. Get a family-friendly guided tour of the galleries, then



create an art project inspired by what you've seen. 2 to 3:30 p.m. today and Aug. 10. SS. Space is limited. pre-register. Henry Art Gallery, Seattle (U District), www.henryart.org.

Wacky Wheelays, Able-bodied and disabled participants alike can participate in fun field-day-style games involving wheels of all kinds; scooters, wheelchairs, bikes, trikes and Segways, Potluck picnic at 12:45 p.m., games 2:15 to 4 p.m. FREE.

Lake Washington High School, Redmond. www.nsb.org/serve/local/ wacky-wheelays.

Tuesday, July 15 SOUTH SOUND

Noon Tunes. Tweenland today, Reptile Isle July 22, Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth July 29, The Not-Its! Aug. 5. Jim Valley & Rainbow Planet Aug. 12, The Gothard Sisters Aug. 19. Noon to 1 p.m. FREE, Pioneer Park, Puuallup, www.cituofpuyallup.org.





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Wednesday, July 16 SEATTLE AREA

White Center Jubilee Days. Fireworks (9:45 p.m. today, Steve Cox Park), carnival (through Sun.), car show (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat.), parade (2:30 p.m. Sat.), music, food, kids' area and street fair (11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun.). FREE, Various locations, White Center, www.jubileedays.org.

Renton Outdoor Movie. Bring blankets or low-back chairs for a movie at dusk. May be canceled by weather; call ahead. The LEGO Movie (PG) today at Gene Coulon Park, The Avengers (PG-13) July 25 at Piazza Park, Back to the Future (PG) Aug. 8 at Liberty Park, Frozen (PG) Aug. 15 at Henry Moses Aquatic Center. FREE. www.rentonwa.gov.

SOUTH SOUND

Capital Lakefair, Food and arts and crafts booths, entertainment, carnival (fee), Kids' Day (Sat., Sylvester Park), parade (5 p.m. Sat.), fireworks (10 p.m. Sun.) and more. No pets. Noon to Il p.m. through Sat., noon to midnight Sun. FREE, Heritage Park, Downtown Olympia. www.lakefair.org.

Thursday, July 17

SEATTLE AREA JamFest. Art, food, music and dance performances at various International District venues. One ticket admits to all venues. All ages, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. today and Aug. 21, S. Wing Luke Museum, Seattle (International District). www.wingluke.org/ iamfest.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School and Stargirl. Two one-act plays performed back-to-back by students from Spattle Children's Theatre drama school. Shows are one hour each with an intermission between them. Ages 5 and older for Sideways Stories, ages 9 and older for Stargirl, 7 p.m. through Sat. SS. Seattle Children's Theatre, Downtown Seattle, www.sct.org.

Moonlight Cinema. Despicable Me 2 (PG). Bring a blanket or low-back chairs, food and beer garden available (no outside food or drink). No pets. Gates open 6 p.m., movie at dusk. S ages 18 and younger with parent or legal quardian. Redhook Ale Breweru. Woodinville, http://redhook.com.

NORTH SOUND

Karaoke and Outdoor Movie, Karaoke at 7 p.m., followed by movie at dusk (approx. 9 p.m.). Bring a blanket for terraced seating. Rock of Ages (PG-13) tonight, Man of Steel (PG-13) July 24. The LEGO Movie (PG) July 31. FREE. Terrace Park, Arlington. www.arlingtonwa.gov.

SOUTH SOUND

King County Fair. Oldest fair west of the Mississippi features midway and rides, animals, food, and more. Noon to 9 p.m. today and Sun., noon to 10 p.m. Fri., 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. \$, free ages 4 and younger. Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw. www. thekingcountyfair.com.

Friday, July 18

SEATTLE AREA

Bite of Seattle. Features more than 50 restaurants, four entertainment stages, Family Fun Zone, chef demonstrations and more. No pets. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Sat., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sun. FREE, Seattle Center, Downtown Seattle. www. biteofseattle.com.

Hiawatha Kids' Fun Fest. Games. entertainment, bouncy houses and food. Noon to 3 p.m. \$. Hiawatha Community Center, West Seattle, www.seattle.gov.

Family Gardening and Concert. Work in the Children's Garden and do fun garden-themed activities. plus hear music from The Not-Its! and Off the Hook, 6 to 8 p.m. FREE. Magnuson Park Community Garden, Seattle (Sand Point), http://maanusonnatureprograms.com.

Seattle Rock Orchestra Student Concert. Middle and high school students from Seattle Rock Orchestra's Summer Intensive program will perform songs by a variety of bands in this all-ages show, 7 p.m. FREE, donations encouraged. The Moore Theatre, Downtown Seattle. http://seattlerockorchestra.org.

Owl Prowl. Learn about which owls live in the Pacific Northwest, then take a night hike with a ranger to listen for them and other nocturnal wildlife. Bring a flashlight or headlamp and sturdy shoes. Ages 5 and older. 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$. Pre-register. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, Bellevue, www.bellevuewa.gov.

Kla Ha Ya Days. Carnival through Sun., Frogtatstic Kids' Fair 3 to 7 p.m. today, 5-mile River Run & Kids' Dash (8 a.m. Sat.), parade (10:15 a.m. Sat.), bed races (Sat.), street fair (Sat.), food, silly contests (Sat.), music, car show (Sun.) and more. Most activities 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. FREE. Citywide in Snohomish. www.klahayadays.com.

Darrington Bluegrass Festival. Music, booths and food, plus a kids' workshop for ages 6 to 18 at 9 a.m. on Sat. 6 to 11 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat., 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sun, \$\$\$. free ages 12 and younger with adult, camping additional fee. Darrington

GOING PLACES



Kid-Friendly Places to Watch the World Cup BY TARYN ZIER

hirty-two nations are competing in Brazil for the biggest prize in soccer - the FIFA World Cup. There are places around town well-suited for families to cheer on their favor-

Live games will air at the Phinney Center on a large HD projection screen, and attendees can nosh on goods from Seattle food trucks including Athena's, MOONIE Icy Tunes, Chopstix and Skillet. Kids get to enjoy face painting during the championship game on July 13. Visit www.phinneycenter.org to

Everyone is welcome to rally outdoors at Nord Alley in Ploneer Square for the live games. A 100-foot screen and folding benches are set up, but it's BYOS (bring your own snacks). Check out www.alleynetworkproject com for the full viewing schedule. Local libraries are hosting

all-ages viewing parties as well. Central Library and the High Point branch will air the two semifinals (July 8 and 9) and the championship (July 13). The Northgate branch will also air the final, King County Libraries, including Kenmore, Tukwila and Boulevard Park in South Seattle. will broadcast the games, too. Learn more at www.spl.org and www.kcls.org.

Note that none of these facilities serve alcohol. Try Arena Sports locations in Magnuson, SODO. Redmond or Issaguah if you want to have a pint while watching a match with your kids. Or, let them jump around in the Fun Zone inflatable playground during the game.

All of these viewings are free, so get there early to get a good seat, If we are lucky, the U.S. Men's National Team will still be in the running at the end of the tourney!

Bluegrass Music Park, Darrington. www.darrinatonbluearass.com.

Footloose, Village Theatre Everett's KIDSTAGE Summer Independent musical is produced, directed and performed by youth under age 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through July 27. \$\$. Second Stage Theatre, Everett, www.villagetheatre.org.

Movies Under the Stars at Swedish/Edmonds, Father of the Bride (PG) 9 p.m. today, The LEGO Movie (PG) 8:30 p.m. Aug. 8, Hook (PG) 8:15 p.m. Aug. 15. Free popcorn and lemonade. Seating on-site for first 200 guests, can also bring blankets. FREE. Swedish/Edmonds Hospital. Edmonds, www.swedish.ora.

SOUTH SOUND

Half Day for Half Price, Enjoy halfprice admission during a shorter day at the zoo, which is closing early for their annual gala event. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Tacoma. www.pdza.org.

Des Moines Waterland Festival. Children's carnival, wooden boat show (Sat. and Sun.), car show

(Sun.). Children's Parade Sat. at 5:45 p.m., main parade at 6 p.m. Noon to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE. Downtown Des Moines, http://destinationdesmoines.org/waterlandfestival.

19th Century Family Fun Night. Join in games, music and dancing of the mid-1800s, including a candy cannon and ice cream and lemonade. Bring a picnic supper, 6 to 9 p.m. Included with admission. S. free ages 4 and younger. Fort Nisayally at Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, www.fortnisauallu.ora

Cinema on the Sound. Family entertainment (7 p.m.) and movie (dusk). Bring blankets and chairs. Thor 2 (PG-13) today, The Nut Job (PG) Aug. 16. FREE. Chambers Creek Regional Park, University Place. www. co.pierce.wa.us.

All-Girl Overnight at the Museum. Girls ages 7 to 12 can enjoy a tea party, games, a tour of the museum's

historic fashions and more on this overnight adventure. 7 to 8 p.m. SSS. Pre-register. White River Valley Museum, Auburn, http://wrvmuseum.org.

Saturday, July 19 SEATTLE AREA

seattlenarade.com

West Seattle Grand Parade. Float-Dodger 5K run (9:45 a.m., \$\$\$), followed by parade with pirates, clowns, marching bands, drill teams, floats and more. Kids' parade 11 a.m., grand parade 11:15 a.m. FREE. California Avenue Southwest from Admiral to Southwest Edmunds Street, West Seattle. http://thewest-

Ball of Wax Audio Quarterly "Songs About Animals" Release Party. New illustrated book and CD featurgs music from kid favorites like Recess Monkey, The Whizpops! and Eli Rosenblatt, plus other musicians playing kids' songs for the first time Hear live music and take home a copy of the book and CD (one set per family). Noon to 1:30 p.m. \$\$, free ages 10 and younger. Fremont Abbey. Seattle (Fremont). http://july19.bpt.me.

Bon Odori Festival. Traditional Japanese Buddhist festival includes food, traditional dancing, cultural exhibits and demonstrations. 4 to 10 p.m. today, 3 to 9 p.m. Sun. FREE. Seattle Buddhist Church, Seattle (Central District). http://seattlebetsuin.org.

West Seattle Outdoor Movies, Enjoy pre-show entertainment, concessions and a movie at dusk, Bring blankets and chairs, Gravitu (PG-13) today, Spice World (PG) July 26. Sleepless in Seattle (PG) Aug. 2. The Goonies (PG) Aug. 16. Frozen (PG)

Aug. 23. Gates open 6:30 p.m. FREE. 4410 California Ave. S.W., West Seattle, http://wsmovies.org.



EASTSIDE

Mud & Chocolate Bite-Size Run. Three-mile trail run and half-mile Kids Dash with chocolate treats at the finish line. 8 a.m. check-in, 8:40 a.m. Kids Dash, 9 a.m. three-mile run. S to S\$\$. Pre-register. Robinswood Park, Bellevue. http://mudandchocolate.com

Camlann St. James Faire. Scenes from 14th century English village life including minstrels, sword and archery demonstrations, crafters and more. Noon to 5 p.m. through Sun. \$ to \$\$, free ages 5 and uounger (adults must supervise ages 12 and younger). Optional banquet at 5 p.m. (SSS), reservations required, Camlann Medieval

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younger. Dinner available. Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, Fall City. www.foresttheater.org.

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musical about family, tradition and

theater overlooking the falls. Dress

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through Aug. 24. \$\$, free ages 4 and

changing times in an outdoor amphi-

www.camlann.org.

Raspberry Fest. Animals, rides. games and other kids' activities, plus food and a hoedown. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sun. FREE, fee for some activities. Biringer Farm, Arlington.

http://biringerfarm.com.

Mill Creek Festival, Entertainment. vendors, arts and crafts fair, food, car show, kid's activities, pet plaza (bring your leashed dog) and more. II a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sun. FREE. Mill Creek Boulevard. Free shuttles from Jackson High School at 1508 136th St. S.E. Mill Creek, www.millcreekfestival.com.

Celebrate! Lynnwood Music and

Dance Festival. First annual event features family-friendly interactive music, dance and art activities, plus food trucks and a beer and wine garden. 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. FREE. Lynnwood Convention Center, Lynnwood. www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

SOUTH SOUND

Chalk the Harbor. Decorate the sidewalks of Gig Harbor's historic waterfront with chalk. Maritime theme encouraged. Ride the "Around the Sound' transit between participating sidewalk districts. Prizes in six different categories. Register starting at 10 a.m. at downtown Judson or Finholm locations, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE. http://gigharborwaterfront.org.

Covington Days Festival. Music. parade (IO a.m. today), arts and crafts vendors, food, kids' zone, watermelon-eating contest (3 p.m. today) and more. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. FREE. Valley Medical Center South, Covington, www.covingtonwa.gov/covingtondays.

Sunday, July 20

SEATTLE AREA

Seafair Kids Triathlon. Triathlon for ages 6 and older includes choice between two categories of difficulty. 10:30 a.m. \$\$\$. Pre-register. Seward Park, Seattle (Seward Park), www. seafair.com.

LEGO Robot Show and Book Signing. LEGO designer and member of the elite LEGO MINDSTORMS Expert Panel Daniele Benedettelli will talk about and demonstrate three of his LEGO robot creations, followed by a book signing. 2 to 3 p.m. \$ to \$\$. EMP Museum, Downtown Seattle, www. empmuseum.org.

Chinatown Seafair Parade.

Features lion and dragon dances, marching bands, clowns, floats and more. 7 to 9 p.m. FREE, South King Street and Fifth Avenue South, Seattle (Chinatown/Inter-



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ts time to snuggle up with your kids for a movie under the stars, or soak up the sunshine at a concert on a carefree afternoon. Family-friendly outdoor movies and music are summer traditions to love.

Kids will enjoy getting a chance to stay up late for a film, especially if you pop some pop-corn and bring some candy, indoor theater-style. Several local spots offer pre-movie activities and entertainment, making the experience all the sweeter.

Marymoor and Magnuson Parks have circupe performers and food trucks, for example. Cinema under the Stars in Everett features pre-movie magic tricks and arts and crafts from Imagine Children's Museum. Highlights of Auburn's Summer Sounds. & Cinema include Inflatable fun and ore-show concerts.

Speaking of concerts, music and summer seem to go hand in hand. From Hawaiian to reggae to steel drums to country, kids can listen – and get down and boogie – to music at more than 100 outdoor concerts around

town this summer.
If you have little ones, look
no further than the children's
concert series at Magnuson
Park, Juanita Beach Park in Kirkland, Sammarnish parks, Les
Gove Park in Auburn, Kelsey
Creek, Farm in Belleve, Thornton A. Sullivan Park in Everett,
Hazel Miller Plaza in Edmonds,
Library Park in Mill Creek no.

Tukwila Community Center.

The Timbert Outdoor Music-Festival, another option, caters to the indie crowd with kids. There's a Saturday stage just for families, tucked away in the quiet camping area, as well as a root beer garden. The full experience includes camping, biking, swimming or kayaking. The festtival takes place July 24 through 24 at Tolt MacDonald Park in Camation, Kids 12 and younger set in free.

Visit our website at www.seattleschild.com for a full list of outdoor movies and concerts. Don't waste a minute of this precious summer weather – grab a blanket, lawn chairs, your family and friends and head outdoors!

national District). www.seattle Wedne

chinesechamber.org. Tuesday, July 22

NORTH SOUND

Hazel Miller Plaza Concerts. Ian
Dobson's Steel Drum Party today,
The Harmonica Pocket July 29, Linda Severt's Jugletunes Aug, 5, Louie Foxx Aug, 12, Watch the Skyl Aug,
9, Rocklyn Road Aug, 26. Noon to 1
p.m. FREE. Fifth Avenue South and
Maple Street, Edmonds. www.
edmondswar.gov.

Wednesday, July 23

Swingin' Summer Eve. Community festival with live music, food vendors, games, a used book sale and more. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. FREE, some activities require a small fee. Cromwell Park, Shoreline. http://shoreline.

Greenwood Seafair Parade. Bands, drill teams, floats, pirates and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. FREE. Greenwood Avenue from North 95th Street to North 85th Street, west to Sixth Avenue Northwest, Seattle. www.phinneycenter.ora/parade.

NORTH SOUND

Children's Concert Series. Eric Herman and Puppy Dog Dave today, Nancy Stewart July 30, Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth Aug, 6, Jim Valley Aug, 13. Noon to Jp.m. PREE, bring a non-perishable food bank donation. Library Park. Mill Creek www.cityofmillcreek.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Mid-Summer Carnival. Games, prizes, face painting, treats, crafts and more. 2 to 5 p.m. S. Pioneer Park. Puyallup. www.puyallupparksandrec.com.

Thursday, July 24

Timber Outdoor Music Feetival. Live music from more than 20 performers, camping, mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, root beer garden and more. No dogs. \$10 10 pm. to-day, 11:50 am. to 9:30 pm. Brt. 10:50 am. to 9:30 pm. Brt. 10:50 am. to 9:30 pm. Sat. \$85, Free ages 11 and younger. Camping available for am additional flee (par-egister). Tolt-MacDonald Park. Carnaton. www.timbermusic/fest.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Gross-Out Olympies. Kids ages 3 and older are invited to compete in wacky competitions like the bologna toss. human cheese puff, lemon slurp and more. Dress in a swimsuit or clothes that can get dirty, a sprinkler will be provided for clean-up afterward. 5-30 to 7-30 pm. today at Frontier Park, Graham. 2 to 4 pm. Aug. 21 at 5 prinker Recreation Center. Tacoma. SS Pre-register. www. piercecountywa.org/parks.

Friday, July 25

Renton River Days. Includes kids' area, entertainment, arts and crafts booths, sports, parade (10 a.m. Sat.), rubber duck derby (4:30 p.m. Sun.). Wenatchee Youth Circus (1:30 s.m. Sun.). Wonatchee Youth Circus (1:30 s.m. Son.) and more. Il am. to 8 p.m. today, 1:30 p.m. Sat., 50 and more. Il am. to 8 p.m. today, 1:0 am. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE Liberty park and other Renton locations. www.renton riverday.sorg.

Bellevue Art Festivals, Downtown

Bellevue eelebrates the arts as three festivals converge. Shuttles available from South Kirkland. Eastgate, Kingsgate and South Bellevue Park And Ride lots (Fee). Bellevue Arts Museum ARTSfair. Fearures arts and crafts, KiDSfair (hands-on craft activities), Chalk it Up (chalk North-east Sixth Street), demonstrations, entertainment, food and free admissions of the content and the

sion to Bellevue Arts Museum, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. today and Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE, Bellevue Sauare and Bellevue Arts Museum. Bellevue, www.bellevuearts.ora/ fair. Bellevue Festival of the Arts. Juried arts and crafts, music, food and more. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun, FREE, Cost Plus World Market parking lot, Bellevue, www.bellevuefest.org. 6th Street Fair, Arts and crafts, food. music, and kids' hands-on activities. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. Northeast Sixth Street and 106th Avenue Northeast.

Shrek: The Musical. Studio East's annual Summer Teen Musical brings the popular DreamWorks film to the stage. Recommended for ages 6 and older. 7:30 pm. today, various dates and times through Aug. 3. SS. Kürkland Performance Center, Kirkland. www.kpcenter.org.

Bellevue, FREE, www.bellevuedown-

town.org/events/sixth street.

NORTH SOUR

Aquafest. Land and water sports, children's parade (6 p.m. today), grand parade (1 p.m. Set.), arts and crafts, like of lake Stevens, carnival, boas parade (7 p.m. Set.), entertainment, freworks (10 p.m. Set.), Eamily Fun Fest (1 to 5 p.m. Sun.) and more. Noon to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. son, and more Noontown Lake Stevens. Shuttle from Lake Stevens High School www.acquigfest.org.

Tour de Terrace. Carnival, street fair, food, entertainment, parade (7 p.m. today), 5K run/walk (8:30 a.m. Sat.), car show (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat.), fireworks (10 p.m. Sat.) and more. Noon to II p.m. today, 9 a.m. to II p.m. Sat. 9 am to 6 p.m. Sat. FIEE. Evergreen Playfield Mountlake Terrace, www.tourdeterrace.

Edmonds Outdoor Movie. Bring your blanket or lawn chair. Refreshments will be available for purchase. The Croods (PG) tonight, Field of Dreams (PG) Aug. 1. The movie begins at dusk (around 9 p.m.). FREE. Frances Anderson Center Playfield, Edmonds. www.edmondswa.gov.

SOUTH SOUND

SEATTLE AREA

Enumclaw Street Fair. Kids Zone, entertainment, food, vendors and more. 5K run/walk and kids' dash (6.45 a.m. 5at). 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. FREE. Downtown Enumclaw. www. enumclawstreetfair.com.

Saturday, July 26

Touch-A-Truck. Kids can explore trucks of all types with help from the professionals who use them. Vehicles on display may include construction trucks. utility wehicles.

emergency responders, buses and semi trucks. The event also includes a safety and emergency preparedness fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE. Foster High School, Tukwila. www. ci.tukwila,wa.us.

Northwest SolarFest. Renewable energy and sustainable living fair with vendors and exhibits, interactive presentations, kids' activities, food, music and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE. Shoreline Community College, Shoreline. http://shorelinesolar.org.

Seafair Torchlight FanFest. Preview many of the parade's floats and talk with some of the participants. Noon to 6 p.m. FREE. Seattle Center. Downtown Seattle, www.seafair.com.

Seafair Torchlight Parade. Seattle's largest nighttime parade follows the 6:30 p.m. Seafair Torchlight Run. 7:30 p.m. to midnight. FREE, Parade begins at Seattle Center and moves south on Fourth Avenue to Second Avenue and King Street, Downtown Seattle, www.seafair.com.

Movies at the Mural. The Princess Bride (PG) today, Gravity (PG-13) Aug. 2, Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG- 13) Aug. 9, The Great Gatsby (PG-13) Aug. 16. Star Trek-Into Darkness (PG-13) Aug. 23. Bring low-back chairs or blankets. No pets. Movie begins at dusk, FREE. Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater, Downtown Seattle. www.seattlecenter.com/ moviesatthe mural

EASTSIDE

Ananda Mela Festival, Fostival colebrates India with Indian music and dance, magicians, cooking demonstrations, inflatables, pony rides and more. Noon to 9 p.m. through Sun. FREE. Redmond City Hall Campus, Redmond. www.anandamela.org.

Skyfair. First annual air-and-ground show features static and flying aircraft, military displays, music, Kids Zone, education and more. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$\$, free ages 5 and younger. Flying Heritage Collection at Paine Field. Everett. www.flyingheritage.com.

Nubian Jam. Celebrate African-American culture with music. dance, food, speakers, vendors, and a health and information fair. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. FREE, Forest Park. Everett, www.everettwa.ora

Blueberry Festival. Berry picking 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus kids' activities like pony rides and face painting 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE, fee for some activities. Bruant Blueberru Farm. Arlington, www.redrooster muta com

SOUTH SOUND

Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games. Competitive dancing, piping and drumming, arts and crafts, traditional food and more. No pets. 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. today, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sun. \$\$, free ages 4 and uounger, half-price after 4 p.m. Enumciaw Expo Center, Enumciaw, www.sshga.org.

Ethnic Fest. Music and dance on two stages, ethnic food, arts and crafts, family activities and more. Noon to 7 p.m. through Sun. FREE. Wright Park, Tacoma. www.metroparkstacoma.org/ethnicfest.

Mad Hatter's Sweet Tea. Enjoy crafts, croquet, iced tea, lemonade, and sweet and savory treats with the Mad Hatter and his friends, Rain or shine, 1 to 3 p.m. S to SS. Pre-reaister. Mary Olson Farm, Auburn. http://wrvmuseum.org.

FARTHER AFIELD

Bainbridge Bluegrass Festival.

Live bluegrass music, food, vendor booths, kids' activities and more. Free shuttle from the ferry, Leashed. well-behaved dogs welcome, Bring blankets or chairs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. S to SS. Battle Point Park. Bainbridge Island. www.bainbridgebluegrass.org.

Annie, Outdoor performance of the beloved musical about a plucky orphan girl in the 1930s. 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 17. \$\$, free ages 5 and younger. Kitsap Forest Theater, Bremerton, www. foresttheater.com.

Sunday, July 27

SEATTLE AREA Pista Sa Nayon. The largest Filipi

no-American outdoor event in the country features food, arts and crafts. entertainment, children's games and more. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. FREE. Seward Park Amphitheater, Seattle (Seward Park), www.pista.org.

Hispanic Seafair Festival. Latin music, arts and crafts, dance, and food. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. FREE. Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater, Downtown Seattle. www.hispanicseafair.org.

BIRTHDAYS!





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her for her birthday!









Pond Boat Sailing at Lake Union Park BY LYNN SCHNAIBERG

et your kids captain their own pint-sized rigs-39inch pond sailboats to be exact The Center for Wooden Boats at Lake Union Park rents the model R-class Pirate boats to set sail on a 100-foot diameter pond designed specifically for sailing model boats.

Center volunteers give a brief tutorial on how to sail the wooden craft, with its adjustable sails: these are "free sailing" boats with no motors involved. They talked to my kids about Judging wind direction (flags around the pond help out, too) and how to ball out the miniature wooden craft when it takes on water

Thus armed, the kids set off with boats in arms (little ones will probably need some hauling help). The wide flat rim around the pond makes it easy for kids, big and small, to scramble on top and to get the most leverage for smooth sailing. Even in lights winds, the boats don't seem to have a problem making it across the pond. Floats around the pond perimeter help cushion the craft from fatal crashes

My son spent most of the afternoon zooming from one side of the pond to another in hot pursuit of his boat and challenging other kids to a boat race

The center has about a dozen model boats that they rent for a suggested donation of \$5 an hour; when we went, there were plenty to go around. But they have been known to run out, so be prepared to wait a bit (the good news, if you're waiting: There's plenty to distract here, including seaplane landings and take-offs happening right next door)

Pond boat sailing takes place on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more, call 206-382-2628 or visit www.cwb. org/rent

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ment, Kids Zone (\$\$), food and more. Tickets for special seating available online. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, 8:30 a.m. to II p.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE, Parking very limited. www.seafair.com/seafairweekend.

Need for Speed Festival. Watch the Blue Angels take off for practice and air shows, plus enjoy kids' activities. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun. Included with admission. SS, free ages 4 and younger. Museum of Flight, Seattle (Boeing Field), www.museum offlight.org.

UmoiaFest African American Heritage Festival, Kids' activities, parade (1 p.m. Sat.), entertainment, music, basketball tournament (Sat.). vendors and more. II a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sat., II a.m. to 7:30 Sun. FREE, Judkins Park, Seattle (Rainier Valley). http://umojafamilyfest.com.

Magnolia Summerfest. Entertainment, youth talent show (7 p.m. today), craft and food booths, and kids' parade (10:30 a.m. Sat.) followed by the main parade. Il a.m. to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. FREE. Magnolia Plaufield, Seattle (Magnolia). www.magnoliasummerfest.org.

Kelsey Creek Kids' Shows. Nancy Stewart today, The Brian Waite Band Aug. 15, Last Leaf Theatre Aug. 22. II a.m. to noon. FREE. Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Bellevue. www.bellevue wa.gov.

SOUTH SOUND

Movies in the Park. The LEGO Mov ... ie (PG). Bring blankets or chairs. Concessions available. Pre-show activities start at 7 p.m., movie starts at dusk. FREE. Heritage Recreation Center, Payallup, www.piercecountuwa.org.

Summer Sounds & Cinema. Live music at 7 p.m., followed by an outdoor movie. Despicable Me 2 (PG) today at Sunset Park, Auburn: Turbo (PG) Aug. 15 at Les Gove Park. Auburn, FREE, www.auburnwa.aov.

Saturday, August 2

Kids' Day at Olympic Sculpture Park. All-ages outdoor yoga (10:30 a.m.), hands-on art, tours and more. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE. Olympic Sculpture Park. Downtown Seattle. www.seattleartmuseum.org/summer.

SalmonFest Seattle. Formerly known as Lake City Pioneer Days. Salmon bake, live music, street fair, kids' activities, vintage car show. kids' parade (6 p.m.) and grand parade (7 p.m.), pet costume contest (Sun.) and more. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. todau, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. FREE. Northeast 125th Street and Lake Citu Way, Seattle, www.northseattlechambercom

SOUTH SOUND

Proctor Arts Fest, Arts and crafts vendors, Bite of Proctor, kids' area, dog show and parade, entertainment and more, IO a.m. to 5:30 p.m. FREE. Proctor and North 26th Street, Tacoma. www.proctorartsfest.com.

Washington Midsummer

Renaissance Faire, Food, crafts. demonstrations, music, dancers, magicians, jousting and other medieval-themed entertainment. Costumes encouraged. Camping available for an additional fee, reservations required. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends through Aug. 17. SS. The Kelley Farm, Bonney Lake, www.washinatonfaire.com.

Community + Family Day, Explore the work of artists inspired by themes of community activism, social justice and play, plus build a giant fort, plant a garden, listen to live music and more. Educators can take home lesson plans. Il a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE. Frue Art Museum. Seattle (First Hill). http://frye museum.ora.

FASTSIDE

Foster Kids 5K. Run/walk fundraiser to help King County foster kids attend summer camp. 9 a.m. \$\$\$, free ages 12 and younger but must still register. Marymoor Park, Redmond. www.fosterkids5k.org.

SOUTH SOUND

Family Fun Fest. Games, entertainment, water balloon launcher, Kidz Zone (\$), food and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE. Sehmel Homestead Park, Gig Harbor, www.penmetparks.org.

Tuesday, August 5 EASTSIDE

Safe and Sound Sammamish. Music from Recess Monkey and Radio Disney, plus safety and community resources as part of National Night Out, 2 to 5 p.m. FREE, Sammamish Commons Plaza, Sammamish, www.sammamish.us.

Wednesday, August 6

Peanut Butter and Jam Concerts. Recess Monkey today, Johnny Bregar Aug. 13. The Not-Its! Aug. 20. Eric Ode Aug. 27. Bring a picnic and blankets. Noon to 1 p.m. FREE. Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila. www. tukwilawa.gov.

Thursday, August 7 SEATTLE AREA Moomin Mania! Celebrate The

Moomins, characters created by Finnish author Toye Jansson with crafts, cartoons and music. Il a.m. to 12:30 p.m. S. Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle (Ballard), www.nordic museum.org.

Wednesday, July 30

Marine Week Seattle, Celebrate the Marines as you climb aboard aircraft and ground equipment, check out the latest military technology, and see martial arts demonstrations, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Band, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun. Included with admission, SS. free for military with ID and gaes 4 and younger. Museum of Flight, Seattle (Boeing Field), www.museum offlight.org.

Thursday, July 31 SEATTLE AREA

Caspar Babypants Concert. Bring

a blanket or chairs and a picnic, and enjoy a full 90-minute set from this beloved kindle rocker, 6:30 p.m. FREE. Hiawatha Community Center lawn, West Seattle, http://west seattlebloa.com.

Friday, August 1 SEATTLE AREA

Seafair Weekend. Hydroplane races on Lake Washington, south of the I-90 Bridge. Air show features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other aircraft. The south beach area will host a wakeboarding demonstration. Shore activities at Genesee Park (3800 Lake Washington Blvd. S., Seattle) and along Lake Washington Boulevard include entertain-



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Summer Meltdown Festival, Music from dozens of bands on four stages, kids' area, food and craft vendors, camping, and more. No pets. 3 to 10 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. \$\$\$, free ages 8 and younger, weekend and vehicle camping passes available. Whitehorse Mountain Amphitheater, Darrington. www. summermeltdown.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Pierce County Fair, Entertainment, food. displays, animals, carnival rides and games, competitions, and more, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. S, free ages 5 and younger. Frontier Park, Graham. www.piercecountyfair.com.

Friday, August 8

SEATTLE AREA Family Summer Outdoor Cinema Series Despicable Me 2 (PG) today. The Nut Job (PG) Aug. 15, Frozen (PG) Aug. 22. Bring a blanket or chairs. Concessions available. 8 p.m. movie at dusk. FREE, suggested donation of two non-perishable food items per person. Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila www.tukwilawa.gov.

The Festival at Mt. Si. Live entertainment arts and crafts, food, kids' area, parade (10:15 a.m. Sat.), youth and adult competitions, pet contests (4 to 5:30 p.m. Sat.), fireworks (9:45 p.m. Sat.) and more, 5 to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. FREE, fee for some activities. Si View Park, North Bend, www.festivalatmtsi.ora.

NORTH SOUND

A Taste of Edmonds, Food, arts and crafts. rides, music, entertainment and kids' activities. No pets. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sat, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun. \$, free ages 12 and younger. Edmonds Civic Playfield, Edmonds. Free shuttle from Edmonds-Woodway High School, www.atasteofedmonds.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Auburn Days, Fun run/walk and community barbecue (today), entertainment, children's area, food, model boats, parade (noon Sat.), street dance (6:30 p.m. Sat.), car show (Sun.) and more. 6 to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE, Main Street, Auburn, www.auburndaus.com.

Saturday, August 9

Vintage Computer Faire. Family-friendly. hands-on event features workshops, information booths, retro gaming, food vendors and more, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE, Living Computer Museum, Seattle (SoDo), www.livinacomputermuseum.org.

PhinneyWood Summer Streets. The street is closed to traffic, turning the area into a big neighborhood fair. II a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE. Phinney Avenue North/Greenwood Avenue North between North 67th Street and North 87th Street, Seattle (Greenwood), www.seattle.gov/transportation/summer_green.htm. Seattle Asian American Film Festival Summer Series. Linsanity (PG) today, The Haumana (NR) Aug. 16, Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story (PG-13) Aug. 23. Bring blankets or lowback chairs. Movie plays at dusk. FREE. Hing Hau Park, Seattle (Chinatown-International District). www.seattle.gov.

EASTSIDE

Sammamish Days. Music from The Not-Its!, performances by School of Acrobatics and Circus Arts, food and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE, Sammamish Commons Plaza, Sammamish. www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Subaru Kids Obstacle Challenge. Kids ages 5 to 16 can run a military-style mud challenge course that's just for them. Check-in at 9 a.m., first wave at 10 a.m. and then every half hour through 2 p.m. SSS. one free parent entry for each paid child. Marymoor Park, Redmond. www.kids obstaclechallenge.com.

Kirkland Summerfest, Kirkland's largest festival of art, music and more including food trucks, cardboard boat regatta, arts and crafts, kids' rides, robotics, and more throughout downtown Kirkland. II a.m. to 11 p.m. today, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE. Maring Park and Main Street, Kirkland, www. kirklandsummerfest.com.



Camp Burbank Community Campout.

Bring your tent, personal items and sleeping bags. Activities will include fishing, beach play, swimming, volleyball and more. Campsite, Saturday night dinner, s'mores, snacks, drinks and Sunday morning breakfast provided. Noon today to noon tomorrow. Pre-register: \$ to \$\$\$, free younger than age 1. Luther Burbank Park, Mercer Island. www.myparksandrecreation.com

Lake Tye Triathlon. USAT-sanctioned triathlon; kids ages 6 to 15 can compete in the Youth category. Course length varies by age. Flotation devices are allowed. Parents are encouraged to participate with their youth to cheer them on along the way. 8 a.m. adult, II a.m. youth. \$\$\$. Lake Tye Park, Monroe. http://laketyetriathlon.com.

rop-in summer arts and crafts classes are a great way for children to explore their creativity and dabble in different artistic mediums sometimes with a masterful artist - all without having to make a big summer camp commitment, And, someone else invents the projects and takes on the mess (high five, parents!).

There is an eclectic mix of dropin opportunities for families to enjoy this summer. Unless otherwise noted these are free events for kids of all ages (in the case of the museums, however, you must pay for museum admission first).

THE MUSEUMS

Bellevue Arts Museum: On "Get Crafty Saturdays!" families work together on projects inspired by current exhibits. In July, get inspiration from Sol LeWitt's work. "Color Bands," then paint with brilliant colors, geometric shapes and bold lines. In August, check out delicate wooden bird pins made by Japanese Americans incarcerated in World War II camps, then decorate your own. Kids ages 4 to 12: \$2 materials fee, www.bellevuearts.org.

Hands On Children's Museum: The new "MakeSpace" program, led by a museum artist-in-residence. takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the Arts & Parts Studio. Families can design, tinker, experiment and create using all sorts of tools, from electric scissors to screen presses to sewing machines. www.hocm.org.

Henry Art Gallery: At "ArtVEN-TURES" every second Sunday of the month, adults and children explore current exhibits, then create a project together. On July 13, think of words that evoke a familiar scene and use them as a springboard for artwork. On Aug. 10. electro-dynamic drawings are the inspiration for discovering the shapes, colors and textures of sound. Best suited for elementary-aged children, but older or younger kids can join. www.henryartorg.

Imagine Children's Museum: Families can get creative in the Art Studio, open during most museum hours. On some days (check online), take part in "Art Rocks!" crafts, such as stars and stripes wind chimes, clothespin airplanes and clay creations. As well, on the second Thursday of each month, a local cartoonist leads sketching sessions. www.imaginecm.org.

Klds Discovery Museum:

Each week in the Art Studio, explore a new medium or try your hand at a themed activity or new project. Activities are prepared by KiDiMu teachers and are self-guided; materials provided. Kids 18 months and older with a parent.

www.kidimu.ora. KidsQuest Children's Museum: "Play & Paint" drop-in sessions take place the first and third Wednesdays of the month, where budding Picassos can splatter, roll and stamp together in open-ended paint exploration, www.kidsquestmuseum.org.

Museum of Glass: The second Saturday of each month is "Family Day" at the museum; Work with an artist on a special project, enjoy activities throughout the museum, watch artists create glass art and enjoy music and dance performances. On July 12, create a paper Paul Revere lantern with unique star patterns; on Aug. 9, create a sparkly fish using recycled glass and CDs. www.museumofglass.org

Seattle Art Museum: As part of the free "Summer at SAM" program at Olympic Sculpture Park, families have both nature and art to inspire them. On Thursday evenings, enjoy food trucks, live music and work with local artists on "SAM Creates" projects, such as mixed-media collages and wearable art. On Saturday afternoons, try the self-guided "Drawing in the Park" sessions (materials provided), when kids can sketch the sculptures or scenic views, www.seattleartmuseum.org.

Seattle Children's Museum: In the Imagination Studio, families can paint, create with clay, or design and build in the museum's recycled sculpture area. Each month, a new project is crafted from the theme of the month. July's theme is water, August is animals. When you arrive at the museum, pick up a free time-ticket for a session in the studio, www.thechildrensmuseum.org.

Wing Luke Museum: At free-admission "Family Fun Days," every third Saturday of the month, kids



are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and get imaginative. On July 19, a textile designer will help kids create paper puppet characters that talk and dance. Then, go check out the innovative creations in the museum's new "Puppet Power!" exhibit. On Aug. 16, practice the ancient art of block printing with an artist and printmaker. Kids 5 and older. www.wingluke.org

THE COMMUNITY SPACES Kruckeberg Botanic Garden:

Drop by this Shoreline garden on a Friday afternoon for some nature fun. Enjoy a simple plant activity, a themed garden exploration and a craft project, such as making root puppets, fern prints, seed pod boats and conifer gnomes. Kids ages 2 to 6; \$7 per family or free for members www.kruckehera.ora.

Seattle ReCreative: This new organization's focus is to expose kids to creative reuse and arts education. Drop in for one of the children's art classes in the Greenwood neighborhood and enjoy a hands-on, sensory-based art experience. Projects change weekly. "Paint Playground" for kids ages 1 to 4; "Emergent Artists" for kids 3 to 6; painting, drawing and printmaking for kids 7 to 11; and crafts classes for kids 7 to 12. Purchase a six-class punch card for \$60 or drop in for \$12 a day. www.seattle recreative.org.

Thrive: Thrive Art School offers summer camps and weekly classes in Seattle, but you can also bring a drawing teacher right into your home with their online art classes. Kids can learn about layering and texture as they create castles, dragons, float planes and animals, Kids ages 6 to 12: \$99.99 for six lessons. www.thriveart.com.

THE STORES

American Girl: If your child loves all things American Girl, stop by the Alderwood store on Thursday afternoons for a free crafting session. Girls ages 8 and older can make tropical anklets using colorful paper flowers, and craft an anklet for their doll, too, www.americangirl.com

The Home Depot: Children learn do-it-yourself skills as they make wooden projects the first Saturday of each month, Build a bug house on July S and a mini-crate pencil holder on Aug. 2. Pre-registration is recommended. Kids ages S to 12. http://workshops.homedepot.com Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft: In

"Kids' Camp" sessions, young people can learn how to sew, quilt, knit or decorate cakes. Most classes are for kids ages 8 and older, Also. on July 12 and Aug. 2, enjoy a free "Make It-Take It" session for families: call your neighborhood store to see about the project. www.joann.com. Lowe's: Make wood projects

the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. On July 12 and 26, projects are based on the movie Turbo: on Aug. 9 and 23, projects are inspired by Monsters vs. Aliens. Pre-registration is recommended. www.lowesbuildandgrow.com

Snapdoodle Toys: Both Redmond and Kenmore stores offer drop-in arts and craft sessions on Wednesdays. Make keepsake plates, mosaics, volcanos and more. Classes are for kids ages 3, 4, S or 6 and older (check the website for specifics). \$5 per child, pre-registration recommended, www.snapdoodle tovs.com.

Taryn Zier, website editor at Seattle's Child. looks forward to working some of these classes into her family's summer schedule.

Sth Annual Kids Fun Run. One track lap for ages 3 to 6 at 10 a.m., IK (.6 mile) at 10:15 a.m. and 2K (12 miles) at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 to 12. Pre-register by July 24 to receive a T-shirt. Parents must sign walver. 5% Heatherwood Middle School, Mill Creek. www.cituofmilcreek.com

25th Annual Stillaguamish Festival of the River & Pow Wow. Stilly Pun Run SK (9 am today, SS), environmental education, music (Including kid's stage, food. logging show, crafts, salmon bake, entertainment, pow wow and more. Il Lm. to 6 pm. Hrough Sun. FREE. River Meadows County Park, Arlington. www.festi-valoffheriver.com

SOUTH SOUND

In the Spirit: Contemporary Native Arts Festival. Native American singing, dancing, music and drumming performances, plus artwork for sale. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. FREE. Washington State History Museum, Tacoma. www.washingtonhistory.org.

Brigade Encampment. Volunteers recreate the 1858 arrival of fur brigades to Fort Nisqually, with fur trappers' races, a puppet show, fidde music, hands-on 18th-century skills and more. It a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun. 8, free ages 4 and younger. Fort Nisqually at Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, www. fortnisqually are.

Electric Run. Fun run takes you through theme "worlds" of color-ful lights along the course. Glowing, flashing lights on participants encouraged. Strollers welcome, no dogs. 9 p.m. to midnight. SSS, free ages 7 and younger. Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyaliup. http://electricrun.com.

Sunday, August 10

Gustafer Yellowgold Concert. Equal parts pop/rock concert and animati-ed storybook, Gustafer Yellowgold concerts are a truly different multimedia experience that entrances children and adults alike. Il a.m. to mon. \$1 os \$N. orthwest Film Forum. Seattle (Capitol Hill). www. myllimforum.ora.

Wandering & Wondering. Discover dancers and musicians in a variety of places throughout the garden as they respond to the ever-changing sensory input of their surroundings. 2 to 5 p.m. 3, free ages 5 and younger. Seattle Japanese Garden (Montjake), www.theseattle japanesesgarden.com.

EASTSIDE

Spirit of Bellevue Run/Walk. 12K run, 5K run/walk and Kids' Fun Run, followed by health and wellness fair. 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. 12K, 8:15 a.m. NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

West Seattle

est Seattle boasts a great balance of tight community, local shopping, friendly dining and outdoor fun, making the Duwamish Peninsula sought after by young families despite the limited commuting options to downtown Seattle.

Locals know there are several hot spots for family-friendly entertainment, with tasty treats and outdoor options galore. As West Seattle encompasses many neighborhoods, these areas are not close enough to walk or easily bike between, but each is worthy of an afternoon. Choose Alki Beach one day, and Lincoln Park the next, or plan your trip around shopping at The Junction with time to stretch your legs at one of West Seattle's other public green spaces - either way, you're sure to find plenty to keep your whole family happy.

ALKI BEACH

West Seattle's best-known outdoor draw, sepscially in summer, Alki offers a lot more than just its gorgeous two-and-a-half mile strip of sand and pebbles. At low tels, Emma Schmitz Memorial Overlook Chear 4633 Beach Drive SW) for tide pools complete with amenomes to examine. There are lots of eatery options nearby, from quick snacks (Goats particularly recommend were dinner.)

Rent Equipment and Get Around: Those who are athletically minded, or don't mind trying something new, should consider trying a stand-up paddle board or kayak from Alik Kayak Tours. The company offers guided tours, or you can rent the equipment by the hour for a fluid ay of family fun. Or, get your family pedaling for an easy, safe ride along the paved paths that line the shore. Rentals of bicycles, surreys, skates, and other foot-powered vehicles are available by the

food and Hawaiian shaved ice. Log Cabin Museum: A block

from the southwestern end of Alki Beach, the Southwest Seattle Historical Society is a great place to get away from the sun for an hour or two. Housed in a renovated log structure built more than a century ago, the museum is filled with interesting artifacts and archives of



hour or by the day. Alki Kayak, 1660 Harbor Ave. S.W. www.KayakAlki.com. Wheel Fun Rentals, 2530 Alki Ave. S.W. www.Wheel-FunRentals.com. Water Tayl: If the

thought of driving to West Seattle makes your mental tires go flat, hop aboard the King County Water Taxi at Pier SO in downtown Seattle and enjoy the fresh ocean breeze on the way to Seacrest Park. Tickets are free for children S and younger, and \$2 to \$4.7S depending on the age of older riders and method of payment (ORCA card users get a discount). Right at the West Seattle dock is one of the most family-friendly restaurants on the beach, Marination Ma Kai, with a

large patio for active kids, tasty

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West Seattle (suggested donation: \$3 adults, \$1 children, if you have history buffs in your family, schedule a one-hour guided tour, a week or more in advance, for \$2 per person, and hear more from volunteers about what made West Seattle into what it is today. Then take your picture with the new totem pole out front, to remember what you

5K, 9:30 a.m. Kid's Fun Run. \$\$ to \$\$\$. Bellevue Downtown Park, Bellevue. www.spiritofbellevuerun.com.

SOUTH SOUND

The Color Run. Wear white and get doused in safe, colored powder at intervals along this 5K course. 8 a.m. \$SS. free ages 5 and younger. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma http://thecolorrun.com/tacoma.

Tuesday, August 12

Sand Sculpting Contest. Teams or individuals can compete for prizindividuals can compete for prizsin this amateur contest. Bringbuckets and shovels. 10 a.m. signin, judging at noon. FREE. Marina Beach. Edmonds. www.edmonds wa.gov.

Wednesday, August 13

Mukliteo Outdoor Movies. Bring a blanke to flow-back chair and watch a family movie on a 20-foot screen. Bring your own food or purchase some here (no alcohol allowed). The LEGO Movie (PG) today. Despicable Me 2 (PG) Aug. 20. 730 p.m. seating. movie at sunset. FREE. Rosehill Community

learned. 3003 61st Ave. S.W. www.

LINCOLN PARK AND COLMAN POOL

With nearly five miles of biking paths, Lincolo Park has plenty of land for all the activities that are evaluable her. There are softball feelds and a hand-carry boat launch, a P-Path, garden and horseshoe pits - not to mention a mile of beaches! To get to the sand, either park at the north end near the ball feelds and take a gentle switchback hike down, or start at the southern parking lot near the playground. A powed prome that plays are solvy view of all the

Don't fear the chlorine red-eye at Colman Pool – it is filled with nearly half a million gallons of saltwater pumped directly from Puget Sound, then heated to 85 degrees for an experience more comfort-



Husky Dell: Ice cream is a major draw to this authentically vintage shop, conveniently located in the heart of the shopping district. Its trademarked treat, the Husky, is a giant scoop dipped in chocolate

and rolled in ruts, made from any of dozens of rotating flavors like Oreo mint and lemon customer and lemon customer and lemon customer and lemon customer sandwiches and other lunch favorites, as well as specialty groceries. Come for the ice cream, stay to watch the city stroll by at the big picture windows. 4721 California Ave. S.W.

www.huskydeli.com. Farmer's Market: Many

of Seattle's neighborhood markets are seasonal, offering up local produce, flowers and nibbles during summer only. But like the city's famous Pike Place, the West Seattle Farmers Market is a year round tradition, open each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Relaxed Sunday crowds gather to meet neighbors, greet farmers by name, and fill their larders for the upcoming week. You can even bring Fido, as long as he's well-behaved, for an outing for the whole family. 44th Avenue S.W. and S.W. Alaska Street. www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org/ markets/west_seattle.

Sweet treats: Shopping trips can be a bit rough for the younger set, but even eve-rolling teens can be pacified with an appeal to their sweet tooth. It's hard to go wrong with cupcakes, like those at Cupcake Royale, a Seattle favorite with seven locations, including 4SS6 California Ave. S.W. Bakery Nouveau will please discriminating palates (it even won a 2005 World Cup of Baking Gold Medal) with chocolate croissants that rival Paris's, among other delectables, a few doors down at 4737 California Ave. S.W. And Shoofly Pie Company, 4444 California Ave. S.W., makes everything from scratch, with amazing flavors by the slice or whole to take home, from their eponymous molasses confection to savory mac 'n' cheese CupPies to rhubarb-ginger galettes. We sense a trip to California Avenue S.W. in your future!

PARKS GALORE

Burn off all that sugar at one of West Seattle's parks. There are many to choose from, but a few of our favorites are:

Highland Park: A water park is a perfect alternative on those hot days when the beach is crowded or you don't want to keep an eagle eye on the waves. West Seattle has several parks with water features, but Highland was renovated last year, with spray elements like a bucket dump added to a retrofitted wading sool. I/I/O SW. Cloverdisk 20.

Camp Long: Another park that could take all day to expiore - or even two, thanks to camping at the park's studic cabins - Camp Long features rock climbing (check in before heading out to ensure that Schurman Rock isn't closed for a group climb), a ropes course, a Barred Owl nest, and guided naturalist tous. With 68 acres to exceed the country of the

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able, if less "refreshing," than diving into the Sound Itself. And they've just installed a joint thoe slide, so even if you've been before, your lids will claimor for a return trip. Depending on the weather. It is open from Hemonal Day to me, it is open from Hemonal Day to me the properties of the characteristic message the characteristic message the properties of the present interest outle put a crimp in your fun. BedSJ Sauntleroy Way SW. Www. ottyofseattle.net/parks/squatics/coman.htm.

THE JUNCTION

The heart of West Seattle's

Center, Mukilteo. www.ci. mukilteo.wa.us.

Friday, August 15

Youth Skate Competition. Teens and tweens can bring their wheels and compete for prizes. Part of the annual Celebrate Shoreline 10-day event. Noon to 5 p.m. FREE. Paramount Park, Shoreline. http://shorelinewa.gov.

Center City Cinema Outdoor Movies. See The LEGO Movie (PG) outdoors. Bring blankets or low chairs. Pre-movie activities at 6 p.m., movie at dusk. FREE. Cascade Playground, Downtown Seattle, gov.

Family Fun Run. Run/walk sends families on a scavenger hunt for raffle tickets at participating locations. Raffle prizes for kids and adults. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. FREE. Pre-register. Town Square Park, Burien. www.burienparks.net.

EASTSIDE

Snoqualmie Railroad Days. Train rides (fee), food and vendor booths, children's area with entertainment, fun run (9 a.m. Sat.), parade (11 a.m. Sat.), hands-on art, car show (Sun.) and more. 5 to 9 p.m. today, 10 am. to 10 p.m. Sat. 10 am. to 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sat. 10 am. to 5 p.m. Sur. FREE, [ee fur some activities. Downtown Snoqualmie.

Pippi Longstocking and the Wayward Pirates. Bellevue Youth Theatre presents an all-ages tale of adventure. 7 p.m. today and Sat., 2 p.m. Sat. and Sun. S. Meydenbauer Theatre, Bellevue. www.bellevuewa.gov/ BYT-productions.htm.

SOUTH SOUND

Bonney Lake Days. Live entertainment, vendors, fireworks (today), parade (9:30 am Sat.), skate competition (IO am Sat.), car show (Sat.), kids' zone and more 4 to 9:30 p.m. today, IO a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. FREE. Allan' Torke Park, Bonney Lake. www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us.

Saturday, August 16

Alki Street Scramble. Urban orienteering ewent. Search (on foot or bicycle) for 30 mapped checkpoints in 90 minutes or 3 hours. At each checkpoint find the answer to a multiple-choice question. Rules and tips online. 8:30 cm. check-in. 9:30 cm. map handou, I ac m. start. S to SSS. Alki area. West Seattle (details TBA). www.streetscramble.com.

Viking Days. Grounds of Nordic Heritage Museum are transformed into a Viking marketplace with Swedish panacke breakfast (9 a.m. to noon), Scandinavian entertainment, food, salmon dinner (5 to 7 p.m. Sat.), arts and crafts vendors, and Viking demonstrations. IO a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun-FREE, fee for some activities Nordic Heritage Museum, Seattle (Ballard), www. nordlemseum.org.

InnoState. Celebration of skateboarding innovations in Seattle features demonstrations, clinics, art making, music and more. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor cetivities free, indoor activities included with admission. St. free ages Id and younger with paid adult. MOHAI, Seattle (South Lake Union), www.mohaio.ra.

Indigenous Cultures Day. Explore a variety of North American indigenous cultures through dance, music, art, food, children's activities and more. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. FREE. Seattle Center, Downtown Seattle, www. seattleepter.com

Celebrate Shoreline Festival. Music, food, community booths, pony rides, petting zoo, car show, family activities and more. FREE, fee for some activities. Il a.m. to 8 p.m. Cromwell Park, Shoreline. www. shorelinewa.gov.

Rainier Valley Seattle Summer

Streets. Rainier Valley Heritage Parade (noon), plus activities for all ages when Rainier Avenue South is closed to traffic between South Brandon and South Alaska Streets, Seattle. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. FREE. www.seattle.gov/transportation/summer_rainien.htm.

EASTSIDE

Columbia Winery Charity Run & Walk. Formerly known as the Covey Run, this annual run/walk benefiting Seattle Children's Hospital includes a 10K run, 5K run/walk and Kids Dash for ages 12 and younger. 7a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. 10K, 8:45 a.m. 5K, 9:45 a.m. Kids Dash. \$\$\$, free ages 12 and younger. Columbia Winery, Woodinville. www.runforchildrens.org.

Celebrate Woodinville, Parade (11 a.m.), music, food, arts and crafts. kids' activities Roseet Rosh (1 to 4 p.m.) and more. Noon to 6 p.m. FREE. Downtown Woodinville, www.celebratewoodinville.com.

NORTH SOUND

PEPSapalooza. Family music extravaganza features live music from Caspar Babypants, The Not-Its!, Recess Monkey, Rolie Polie Guacamole, and Wo' Pop Dance Party with KEXP's DJ Darek Mazzone, Activities include bouncy houses, crafts, rock 'n roll hairdos and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SS to SSS. Advance purchase recommended, Memorial Stadium. Everett. www.peps.org.

Fresh Paint. A full day of art-inspired activities including artists demonstrating and selling their art, hands-on art activities, food and music. Visit Jetty Island to hunt for a glass float (10:30 a.m. today, ferry reservations recommended). 10 a.m. Take part in a fun run of two to three miles (registration 7:30 a.m., run 8 a.m.), then an all-ages sandcastle contest (registration II a.m., contest begins 11:30 a.m.). Awards at 2 p.m. Part of Celebrate Shoreline. FREE. Richmond Boach Saltwater Park Shoreline, www.richmond beachwa.ora

Othello Park International Music & Arts Festival, Music, drama and dance performances, hands-on art projects, animals, vendors, food and more, Noon to 6 p.m. FREE, Othello Park, Seattle (Rainier Valley). www. othellopark.ora.

BrasilFest. Music, dance, workshops. dramming exhibits kide activities and more. Noon to 8 p.m. FREE, Seattle Center Armoru. Fisher Pavilion and Mural Amphitheatre, Downtown Seattle, www.brasilfest.com.

NORTH SOUND

Bubble Run SK. Wear white and run through vats of safe, colorful foamy bubbles. 9 a.m. \$\$\$, free ages 6 and younger. Comcast Arena, Everett. www.bubblerun.com,

Thursday, August 21 SEATTLE AREA

50th Anniversary of The Beatles in Seattle, Beatles tribute band Crème Tangerine will perform the same set The Beatles did during their Seattle



to 5 p.m. through Sun. FREE, Everett Marina Promenade, Everett waterfront. www.schack.org.

Moonlight Beach Adventure, Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight as a naturalist shows you sea creatures brought to shore by volunteer divers. 7:30 to 9:30 n.m. FREE. Marina Beach, Edmonds. www.edmondswa.gov.

Sunday, August 17

SEATTLE AREA Fun Run and Sandcastle Contest. show in 1964. 7 p.m. FREE. Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater, Downtown Seattle. www.creme tangerine.com.

NORTH SOUND Evergreen State Fair, Old-fash ioned fair features animals, carnival, concerts, music, rodeo (Aug. 29-31). food, contests and exhibits. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 1. \$ to \$\$, free ages 5 and younger and ages 90 and older, other packages and discounts available. Free admission 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

today. Free ages 15 and younger Aug. 28. All admissions discounted Sept. 1. Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe. www.everareenfair.

Friday. August 22

EASTSIDE **Boeing Classic Kids** Day. Watch the pros play golf, plus a Boeing jet flyover, youth putting contest, mascots, face painting and more. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$\$\$, free ages 14 and younger with paid adult. TPC Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoaualmie. http://boe-

ingclassic.com/kids-day.php.

SOUTH SOUND

Movies in the Park. Frozen (PG). Bring blankets or chairs. Concessions available. Pre-show activities start at 7 p.m., movie starts at dusk. FREE. Sprinker Recreation Center, Tacoma. www.piercecountuwa.org.

FARTHER AFIELD Vashon Sheepdog Classic, Watch highly trained sheepdogs and their handlers participate in herding competitions. The event includes kids' activities, fiber demonstrations. and food and craft vendors. Down to dusk through Sun. S. free ages 8 and younger. Shuttle to/from ferry dock

available Sat. and Sun. Misty Isle Farms, Vashon Island, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/639105 Saturday, August 23 SEATTLE AREA

Touch-A-Truck. Kids can see and climb into a variety of trucks, including those used by police, fire. public works and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FREE. Tuee Educational Complex, SeaTac, www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

STEM Back-to-School Weekend. Parents and students can learn about science, technology, engineering and math opportunities and take home school supplies and other giveaways. Today includes the Family Science Fest with displays and science information for families. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sun. Included with admission. \$\$, free military with ID and ages 4 and younger. Museum of Flight, Seattle (Boeing

Field). www.museumofflight.org. Duwamish River Festival, Music. food, information booths, kids' activities and more. Noon to 4 p.m. FREE. Duwamish Waterwau Park, Seattle. http://duwamishcleanup.ora.



Tukwila Kids' Festival, Community resource fair, exhibits, entertainment, interactive booths and more. Noon to 4 p.m. FREE. Cascade View Park, Tukwila. www.tukwilawa.gov.

Chocolate Outdoor Movie Night. In celebration of the chocolate exhibit currently at MOHAL see Willu Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (G. 8 p.m.) and Chocolat (PG-13, 10 p.m.). Pre-show activities at 6 p.m. FREE. Lake Union Park, Seattle (South Lake Union). www.mohai.org.

NORTH SOUND

Monroe Fair Days Parade. See a procession featuring racecars, horses, pirates and more. Pre-parade fun at 9 a.m., parade begins 11 a.m. FREE. Historic downtown Monroe. http://choosemonroe.com

Snoqualmie Ice Cream-O-Rama. Food, ice cream, animals and more. Il a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE, Snoqualmie Ice Cream, Maltby. www.snoqualmieicecream.com.

Board Bash. Skateboarding competition for ages 6 through adult, divided into four age categories. Prizes, food and music, too. Registration II a.m. to noon, competition noon to 3 p.m. FREE. Mill Creek Sports Park skate park, Mill Creek, www.cituofmillcreek.com.

SOUTH SOUND

Hounds on the Hill. Two-mile dog walk, plus demonstrations, games and contests, and a pet-friendly street fair. See online for rules. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., walk at 9:30 a.m. SS. Bradley Lake Park, Puyallup, www. houndsonthehill.org.

Feeding Frenzy. Learn how zookeepers present food to the animals to keep them interested, and watch as they receive specialized treats. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sun. Included with admission. \$ to \$\$, free ages 2

and younger, Northwest Trek, Eatonville. www.nwtrek.org.

Arctic Blast. Build a snowman, and watch as the arctic animals play with snow and ice. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included with admission. \$ to \$\$, free ages 2 and younger. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Tacoma. www.pdza.org.

Sand in the City. Beach party with sand sculptures, food, entertainment, handson kids' activities and more, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Grandparents' Day (Sun.) includes special activities for grandparents and kids, FREE outdoor activities, admission (\$ to \$\$) applies indoors. Hands On Children's Museum, Olympia. www.hocm.org.

Wednesday, August 27

SEATTLE AREA Reel Summer Night, See an outdoor showing of Monsters University (G) at 8:15 p.m., enjoy back-to-school fashion tips, snacks and prizes. 7 p.m. FREE. University Village, Seattle (Laurelhurst). www.uvillage.com.

Friday, August 29

NORTH SOUND Waterfront Arts Festival, Children's creative art and play activities, live music, food, and original arts and crafts created by artists from the Puget Sound region. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. FREE. Rosehill Community Center, Mukilteo. www. mukilteoarts.org.

SOUTH SOUND

Olympia Harbor Days. Entertainment, food, kids' activities, arts and crafts vendors, vintage, working and retired tugboats (many open to tour), plus tugboat races Sun. 5 to 8 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sun. FREE. Percival Landing and Port Plaza, Olympia. www.harbordays.com.

Saturday, August 30 SEATTLE AREA

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